

CCHS NEWSLETTER

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News

PARENT ASSOCIATION

The new school year is already in full swing with lots of academic, athletic, artistic and assorted other activities occupying our students and their teachers. The classes of '07 and '08 have had their first dance, which was a big success, and the juniors and seniors will have their dance the first weekend in October.

The first Principal's coffee of this year will be on **Monday, October 4th at 8:30 a.m. in room A-7**. CCHS Principal Art Dulong will be available to give an update on how things are going so far this year and to answer any questions parents may have. This year the evening PA meetings will follow a similar format so that parents who are unable to attend the Monday morning coffees will have a chance to hear from Mr. Dulong and other members of the faculty and administration. **The first PA meeting/coffee will be on Monday, October 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the Library**. Principal's coffees are generally the first Monday of the month and PA meetings/coffees the second Monday unless there is a Monday holiday so you can mark your calendars now if you want to attend these events.

I hope that most of you were able to attend Back to School Night last month and enjoyed the chance to meet the teachers your students will be working with this year. If you were unable to attend, please remember that the teachers are readily available by phone and e-mail and it is always better to clear up any questions early rather than wait until problems develop. The voicemail system was completely redone this summer and the final glitches were still being worked out when the directory went to printing. If you have trouble reaching a teacher by phone or think you have left a message but have not received a reply in a reasonable amount of time please try an e-mail. We will publish corrections to the phone extensions listed in the directory as we become aware of any changes.

Thank you to all who joined the PA and paid dues to support our programs and grants. Thanks also to those who volunteered to help with various activities and events during the school year. Everyone who paid dues should have received a copy of Connections, the CCHS directory, at Back to School Night. If you missed picking up your copy, they are being held for you in the front office. If you would like an extra copy of Connections, you can purchase one for \$5 from Martha Hammer in the front office. Many thanks to Ellen Gamboa and Shelley Mogil for all the hours they devoted to this project. We tried to make sure that all listings were current and accurate but inevitably there will be corrections or new information. If your listing needs changing, please send an e-mail with "CCHS Connections" in the subject line to Ellen Gamboa (ellengamboa@verizonmail.com) so that we can keep our database updated for next year's directory. If you would like to help with the directory next summer please contact Ellen or any of the PA executive board members.

At Back to School night parents who are not yet using the e-mail list serve system had the opportunity to subscribe on the spot. Many thanks to Bob Treitman who volunteered to troubleshoot the enrollment process at Back to School Night and to Karen Sabatino, who continues to smooth our way into electronic communications at CCHS. It is essential to use this system to be sure that you receive important and useful information from the school administration and the parent reps for each grade on a timely basis. If you are on the system you should be receiving the daily announcements, the Friday Chit-Chat and the monthly newsletter as well as class information and occasional announcements from the school administration. This is the only way to receive most of this information. If you are still not signed up for this service, please go to www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo and follow the instructions. You will need your student's ID number to subscribe. The ID number can be found at the top of the student's schedule which was mailed to you in August and also on the student ID cards.

The Campus Beautification committee is continuing with the "adopt a garden" plan this year. Teams of volunteers agree to take on small areas of the grounds to maintain and enhance our school property. This program was very successful last year and visitors to the school continue to comment on the wonderful results. Participation on this project is a great way to help everyone feel proud of our school and also to get some exercise while volunteering! Thanks again to Barb Lewis for heading up this program. Please call her at 978-287-0049 if you would like to become involved.

The parent reps for each class have organized a number of activities and I hope that you will try to attend as many as possible. By coming out to these activities you will gain important information about the class and also get to know the families of your child's classmates which will help strengthen our school community as a whole.

I would like to again extend a special thank you to Maureen Mara and Mara & Associates for preparing our tax returns for the past several years and for their assistance and guidance throughout the year. We are fortunate to live in a community with many professionals who are willing to share their skills and talents to help the PA and the school.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns that the PA can address. I'm looking forward to a great year and hope to get to know many more of you as the year progresses.

Diane Payne, PA President
978-287-5031

Just a Reminder: If you need to leave a Message for faculty or staff at CCHS, dial 978-341-2490

Remember: You cannot speak with an operator after 12:30 p.m.



NOTES FROM ART DULONG

Every school year presents new challenges and new opportunities. This year will be no exception.

Our first challenge as a school is to prepare for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) visit scheduled for November. In fact, we have been preparing for almost two years. Committees have deliberated, gathered materials, and written statements. This work is in the final stages of preparation, being readied for shipment to the evaluation team. The NEASC is an independent group that sets standards for teaching and learning and standards for all those aspects of the educational structure that support teaching and learning. The visiting committee will consist of 15 educators from all over New England with a wide variety of backgrounds and expertise. They will examine our prepared materials; interview teachers, students, parents, and community members; observe classes; and deliberate nightly. Ultimately they will provide us with a statement describing what they believe we do well and what we need to improve upon. The process and the findings that result are important to all of us. Their findings will likely provide the backbone for the next ten years as we continue the ongoing efforts to provide excellent educational opportunities in an ever more demanding environment. Their findings will eventually be completely accessible to the public, so you will know it all.

At this moment there appears to be an opportunity this year to actually think about and plan for programs and courses that widen the educational offerings at CCHS. Final numbers are not in, but indications are that the state will be increasing its support of education. All CCHS employee contracts are settled which allows for planning with knowledge and foresight. The bottom line is that as of mid-September, when I am writing this, we do not appear to be headed in the direction of the budget disasters of the past three years. I hope I am correct. I continue to believe that we shortchange our students, not with the quality of anything we offer, but with the variety of what we offer. This year, despite budget issues and with the assistance of the Concord Ed Fund and the Parents Association, we have been able to add an AP Statistics course to the math program, Chinese IV to the language program, and World Literature to the English program. Public schools should not have to rely on charity to improve programs.

I suppose you have noticed some minor landscape work being done across the street from our main entrance. For a while I was not sure if we were building a mountain or digging a canyon, but recently the shape of the new swim facility is becoming more obvious. Just in case someone does not know, the swim facility is being built entirely with private money. It will eventually be a part of the Concord and Carlisle recreation program. Although it is located on our property and will be available to CCHS, it is not ours. In fact, it is yours. CC Pools still needs money to complete the project. They would surely welcome your donations.

In closing, I want to again thank all of you for your support and generosity. CC parents are present and active in so many ways I cannot keep track. A few things are easily apparent. The plantings and garden areas around the building are your work. The school is filled with supplies and materials purchased with your donations. Class governments and activities operate smoothly with your assistance. The students you send us are cooperative, mature, and motivated because of your loving guidance. I look forward to your continued support this year.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS – PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The parking in front of the school including around the islands and at times on the islands themselves, has become a safety issue. The Concord Police Department and Concord Fire Department ask that motorists obey and respect the **No Parking signs that are posted**. Should an emergency occur, it is important that emergency vehicles have access and not be impeded by illegally parked vehicles. The fine for parking in a No Parking zone is \$15.00.

Thank you for your cooperation.



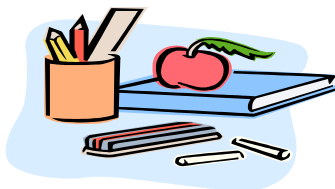
SUBSCRIBING TO THE LIST SERVE:

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.**



IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

This year, we will continue our practice of distributing attendance reports to students every two weeks. These reports indicate excused and unexcused absence for the previous two weeks. Please remind students to review their reports and submit any corrections to Mrs. Merry in the attendance office before the deadline. Students are asked to bring the reports home to parents to review. The distribution dates are noted in the monthly calendar section of this newsletter so that you will know when to expect the latest attendance report. Please read the attendance section of the Handbook for Students and Parents, which all students will receive the first day of school, so that you will be familiar with our attendance procedures. If your son or daughter must be absent, please remember to call the school (978) 318-1400 the day of each absence to inform our attendance office of the absence.



CCHS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The votes are in and Congratulations are extended to

Ray Ferrara

Jane Turner Michael

Robert E. Stone

on their re-election to the School Advisory Council.

CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE:

Arthur Dulong, Principal
Sharon Trainor, Support Staff
Aviva Zyskind, Class 2005
Jennifer Hart, Carlisle Parent

Kevin Pennucci, Science Department
Laurien Giunta, Math Department
Rob Ippolitto, Class 2005

Tom Hart, English Department
Neil Lynch, English Department
Maureen Tarca, Carlisle Parent



PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE

FOR PARENTS

The first Monday of each month, Arthur Dulong will host a Principal's Coffee for parents. These coffees provide an opportunity to learn about what is happening at the high school, to ask questions, and to offer suggestions. Typically, these coffees have been held on the first Monday morning of each month beginning in October and ending in May. Coffees are informal gatherings; everyone is invited!

The first Principal's Coffee of the year will be held on **Monday, October 4th, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in room A-7.**

GuideLines – A REGULAR FEATURE

As part of each issue of the newsletter there is an insert entitled *GuideLines*, which is published by the Guidance Department. You will find some very helpful information each month.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

All males are required to register with Selective Service once they reach their eighteenth birthday. They can complete an online form at the Selective Service web site (www.sss.gov).

STUDENT PHYSICALS

Parents/guardians are reminded to have updated physical information on file with the school nurse. You should also have a copy at home. Remember, if your son or daughter is planning on playing sports, an updated physical form must be on file in the health office.

SAVE OCTOBER 29 FOR FAMILY FUN



The Harlem Wizards

presented by

C.C. POOLS, INC.

Come laugh and cheer as the Harlem Wizards deliver high flying basketball excitement at this acrobatic slam-dunk event. The Wizards will take on the C.C. Pool-A-Hoops at **CCHS at 7:00 pm on October 29** featuring Concord and Carlisle notables such as CCHS' Jerry Moss, Alcott School's Sharon Young and Tim Gaudreau, Thoreau School's Beth Murphy, Fenn School's Bob Starensier, and more! Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased by calling the C.C. Pools, Inc. office at 371-4936.



PERFORMING THEATER

ARTS NEWS

Please join us for our first CCPOPS meeting of the year on Thursday, October 7 at 7:00pm in the library as we plan for our wonderful year of music beginning with a performance-filled October. On October 9-10, CCPOPS is sponsoring a theater trip to New York City to see *Carmen* at the Metropolitan Opera House and *Wicked*. Our fall musical ***Forever Plaid***, will run for two weekends, **October 22-23** and **29-30**. We plan to offer some different venues for this musical so watch for location details. The 225-plus- member **Chorus** will perform its **first concert** of the year on **October 27**, with a mandatory chorus rehearsal on October 26. If you would like to get involved, please come to the CCPOPS meeting on the 7th, or call Margie Zuk at 978-369-1411.

Dear Parents:

In an effort to eliminate incidents of plagiarism at Concord-Carlisle High School, the English Department has developed an explanatory document to help students understand the definitions, forms and consequences of plagiarism. English teachers will distribute and review the document during class, and new students (or those who missed signing the contract last year) will be expected to sign a contract indicating that they have read and understood the material.

We would like to enlist your help in ensuring that students use sources responsibly in their course work. Please read the document and familiarize yourself with our policies regarding plagiarism, and discuss them with your son or daughter.

With your help, we can maintain a high level of integrity and academic responsibility among our students.

Arthur Dulong



NEW LOCATION FOR THE

LOST AND FOUND BOX

Many times throughout the school year, items such as backpacks, books (will be returned to departments); sneakers, jackets, CD players, and more are found and brought to the Lost and Found Box. This box will now be stored in a corner of the cafeteria and **NOT** in the main office. Items found will be placed in the box and kept for one month. At the end of each month, any clothing not claimed will be sent to Goodwill. All other items will be trashed.



CLASS NEWS



Class 2005

Seniors Cap and Gown payment is due. Please make check payable to CCHS for \$25.00 and deliver it to Mrs. Coleman in the main office.

Our senior year has begun! This is going to be an incredibly busy fall for the students and parents. Remember the Guidance office is a great resource for you as well as the students. Make an appointment or just go in to use the resources available.

Sign up for the class and PA email list. Go to www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo and sign up! It is our primary communications method.

Check your student's community service hours now!!! There were some snafus with recording the hours last year and the student's records may need to be updated. Check now they need these hours to graduate.

Below are the highlights of dates you will need.

Saturday **October 2**-Class Car wash at Crosby's

Saturday **October 9th** SAT I and II

Saturday **October 16**- Dance at CCHS to benefit Class of 2005 7:30 –10:30

Saturday **November 6**–SAT I and II

November 22-24 Spirit Week at CCHS— The Seniors rule the school! Have your kids participate and spread their class spirit!

December 1 Financing College presented by the CCHS Guidance department 7:30 CCHS Cafeteria

Friday **December 10** All School Dance sponsored by Class of 2005

Please call/email any of us if you can help or need any information.

Lee Bagley - 371-7041-lbagleyconcord@aol.com

Bev Castrichini - 369-5560 - castrichini6@aol.com

Margaret Coughlin -371-7558 - imsmac@comcast.net

Karen Ippolito - 369-5699- kmippolito@comcast.net

Charity Tremblay - 371-0471

Class 2006

The Parent Advisors for the Junior Class welcomed parents back to school with an evening coffee at CCHS on September 20th and an early morning coffee at Josephine Bottone's home on the 28th. Thanks to all who helped organize these get togethers.

Upcoming Events:

On **Wednesday, October 6th** at 7 pm in the cafeteria, the CCHS Guidance Department will host a Post Secondary Meeting for parents of juniors.

Come tailgate at the CCHS v. Wayland football game on **Friday, October 8th**. Students, parents and family members of the Class of '06 are invited to a Pre-Game Party. We'll gather to the right of the CCHS field house from 5:45 to 7:30. Look for your invitation via mail for details. RSVP and questions: contact Margaret deJesus at 978-369-8816 or at margo369@comcast.net

On **Saturday, November 20th**, our students will host the senior citizens in our community to a Thanksgiving lunch. This is a cherished, much anticipated event for many. Please keep this date clear on your junior's calendar so s/he will be able to participate. Community service hours will be given. We also need parents to help plan the event and to assist students on the 20th. To get involved, contact Barbara Lewis at 978-287-0049 or at blglewis@comcast.net

Class of 2007

Welcome back!! Hope your families are all off to a good start. Sincere thanks to the many parents who joined Dance Coordinator Suzanne Brown to make the first dance of the season at CCHS a success. Plenty of parents stepped up to lend a hand with decorations, chaperoning, setup and cleanup, and food – and freshman and sophomores had a good night. Hats off to all!

October is a busy month for students and parents in the class of 2007 - we've lots planned and look forward to your ongoing involvement to make this year a success. Here are a few dates to remember for class activities in October. Please keep your eyes open for a volunteer sign-up sheet which will come your way under a separate email – we're hoping to get lots of additional parents involved in class activities this year.

- ❖ **Saturday, October 2:** First class trip of the year – Davis Farm Megamaze in Sterling Find your friends in a huge maze – check out the website at www.davisfarmland.com/megamaze. Buses will leave CCHS at 12:30 and return by 5:00 – ticket sale information as well as request for chaperones and volunteers will be sent to parents via email system. Tickets are \$15 per person. If your student is attending, please make sure you sign their permission slip before the trip – no students will be allowed on the bus without a signed slip from parents.



CLASS NEWS CONTINUED

Class of 2007

- ❖ **Friday, October 15 at 6:00:** Class tailgate party – parents and students – before the CCHS vs. Newton South Football game. Join other families for a picnic supper, then come to watch the varsity team play. Tables for class will be setup outside the lower gym
- ❖ **Week of October 18 – 22:** Class of 2007 after-school Krispy Kreme sale.
- ❖ **Tuesday, October 26:** Drivers Education Overview – CCHS Library from 7:00 to 9:00. Many sophomores will be turning 16 in the coming months, and with that birthday comes the benchmark of learning to drive. Meet with representatives of the police department, an insurance company, and the driving school to become informed of today’s rules of the road.
- ❖ **Thursday, October 28, 7:30:** Mom’s night out hosted by Class of 2007 at the home of Karen and John Sabatino, 70 Alford Circle in Concord. Come to meet new folks or re-establish connections to friends of many years. Names ending in A – L, kindly bring hor d’oeuvres; names ending in M – Z, please supply a dessert. RSVPs should go to Paula Casey at caseypaula@aol.com.

A final note – please pass this along to your friends and neighbors. If you’re reading this note, you’ve already ensured that you’re in the information loop. Encourage others to do the same by signing up for our class email system. Well over half of the families of Class of 2007 students have signed on, 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 of 2008

Welcome! Whether it's your first time through CCHS, or not, we hope you will become involved in your child's high school experience. Working with class officers and faculty advisors, Laurie Giunta and Dan McGrath, the class of 2008 parent advisors help with fund raising and community building efforts throughout the next four years. And you can help too. The monies raised and camaraderie built in the coming years will ensure that all members of the Class of '08 are eager and able to take part in class activities. We hope you'll find a way to help that works for you. The Class of 2008 Morning Coffee on Sept. 15. was a great success, with parents meeting or reconnecting with each other and learning about how they can help our freshmen as they begin their journey through CCHS. Thanks to Brenda and Gene Delsener for hosting. We're looking forward to another opportunity to get together in November. Watch your Class of 2008 e-mail for details.

Early response for the Food Project Community Service day, slated for Oct. 2, has been wonderful. This very worth while volunteer activity is limited to 40 students and parent chaperones are still needed. Contact Brenda Delsener (978-371-0486/ ebdelsener@comcast.net) to reserve your space or for any questions.

While not strictly a Freshman class event, Mr. Dulong's monthly coffees are a great way to learn about what is happening at CCHS, directly from the man himself. The October 4 coffee will be held 8:30 AM in the A building.

The Freshman Class will be selling CCHS decals for your car, home, or fridge, heck, just about anywhere. Look for them at Back to School night, and again at the Oct. 22 Tailgate.

Thanks to the Sophomore class parent advisors for helping their frosh counterparts organize the Sept. 17 2007/2008 Dance.

Don't forget these upcoming events:

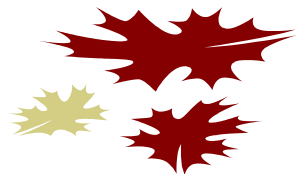
- October 12** Upper Class Parent and Student Panel Discussion on Life at CCHS
- October 13** Class elections
- October 22** Freshman Class Tailgate - 6 PM preceding the football game. Look for tables just outside the field entrance.

Contact Faith Johnson for details (978-369-9631 / fajcrc@aol.com).

Please refer to the green Class of '08 packet mailed in September for the names, phone numbers and emails of class parent advisors.

Katie Carr

<p><u>MAIN NUMBER AT CCHS IS</u> 978-318-1400</p> <p><u>TO LEAVE A VOICE MAIL DIAL</u> 978-341-2490</p>





PARKING NOTES

We really need everyone's cooperation in order to keep driveways passable. Please note that the handicapped parking spaces in front of the school are not to be used to drop off or pick up students. Likewise, parking – even if someone is in the vehicle and the motor is running is NOT ALLOWED around the circle in front of the school or in the handicapped parking spots. Please, please do not park on the grass! Thank you very much for your co-operation.

MESSAGE WINDOW FOR STUDENTS

Each day we receive many requests from parents to deliver messages to students. Since there is not a staff member available to deliver messages and because we do not interrupt classes, a message window was established in the main office. The names of students for whom there is a message are posted on the main office window opposite Mrs. Hammer's desk. If their name is posted, students should see Mrs. Hammer to pick up their message. Please remind your sons and daughters to check the message window in the main office.

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE FOR CCHS NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Beginning with the November Issue of the CCHS Newsletter, Mrs. Hammer will be collecting all articles to be published. Please send your newsletter articles to mhammer@colonial.net.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHECK THE HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR YOU CAN
LOG ON TO -**

www.colonial.net/cgi-bin/webevent.cgi

HANDBOOK FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

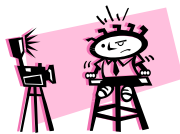
Parent's have you read this year's Handbook for Students and Parents? It's filled with information that you should know about. Ask your son or daughter for his/her handbook so you can read it

COLLEGE MINI FAIRS

Each Fall CCHS welcomes approximately one hundred and fifty college admissions officers for the annual College Mini-Fairs. During the Wednesday lunch block students go to the library to speak with these admissions officers and gather college brochures. The CCHS guidance department, with the help of parent volunteers, sponsors this popular activity designed primarily for juniors and seniors.

RELEASE OF NAMES

We must submit all junior and senior names to the armed forces due to a law that was passed. If you do not want your son/daughter's name released, please call Mrs. Merry at 978-318-1417 x7103.



STUDENT I.D. PICTURES MAKE-UP DAY

Students who did not have their pictures taken for their school I.D. Cards or for the optional formal portraits that were also offered will have one more opportunity to do so. The Photographer will return to CCHS on Thursday, October 28th and will take individual pictures at that time. There is no charge for the ID card picture, but there is a charge for any portrait package that students and their families may wish to purchase. Please note that there is no obligation to purchase any pictures in order to receive the free ID card. All students will need a school ID to purchase tickets for and to be admitted to school dances and PSAT and SAT exams. Students, please mark the date now to be sure to have your picture taken if you haven't had it taken already.

NEWS FROM CCPI
Concord Carlisle Parent Initiative

SAFE HOMES, a program of the Concord Carlisle Parent Initiative (CCPI) is an informal support network of parents who are concerned about the safety, health and well being of our children. Though this initiative began with drug and alcohol use it also encompasses seatbelt and helmet usage, gun control, violence, and video games in the home. CCPI provides information and resources for you to learn about these issues to help address these concerns specifically for your family. Over the course of the year CCPI will offer a variety of programs to help you learn more about these issues, such as book groups on parenting issues, Stop the Rollercoaster discussion groups, H.E.L.P (How to Enjoy Living with Preadolescents) initiative, and Tools for Preventing and Postponing the First Use of Drugs and Alcohol.

Parents support the **SAFE HOMES** initiative by providing supervision of gatherings or parties in their homes. Participation in **SAFE HOMES** is simpler than in years past. *It is no longer required to make a written pledge* to commit to these principles. Families simply agree to communicate with each other and with other community members about reducing risky behaviors among our children. Parents can join forces and let our children know that we do not regard alcohol or other illegal drug use as an acceptable teen activity. We recommend that parents discuss these issues with their children and let them know that it is okay to not participate in underage drinking and illegal use of drugs. Teenagers will get the message that parents care and are taking the initiative to deal with the problems of alcohol, drug use and other issues of teen safety.

On a regular basis watch this column in the CCHS monthly newsletter to learn about specific suggestions for promoting positive health behaviors and youth development in our towns. The CCPI website provides information and linkages to local and national sites that provide additional information on these topics. For more specific information visit www.ccpi.info, e-mail us at ccpi1@yahoo.com, or call CCPI's representatives – Shelley Mogil (978-287-5115) or Janet Lipkin (978-371-7876). Together we can promote consistency and continuity of expectations regarding the behavior of teenagers in our homes and community.

Shelley Mogil and Janet Lipkin
CCPI's Representatives

SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTES

On behalf of the School Committee, we welcome all of you to the 2004-2005 school year. Thank you to all staff for making the opening of school a great success.

Enrollment at CCHS is a bit above projected numbers and the highest it has been in many years. Actual numbers for assessment purposes are given on October 1, and in October we will report those numbers.

We have a new language lab, approved by voters last year, being installed, which should be finished by the end of October. Renovations to the lower gym will also continue. Our new fiber optic cable has been run and the new phone system has been installed. Thank you for your patience during the first few days of school as that project was completed. Contracts are settled with all of our labor associations, and the budget approved last year in both Concord and Carlisle, a "match" as required by regional agreement, maintained our athletic program. We thank everyone who assisted in getting this accomplished. As we enter the new school year, we are grateful that our program remains strong and our students well served.

This year the School Committee will be focused on what to do about the building at CCHS. For several years now the issue has been studied. The first committee formed was directed to look at CCHS strictly to accommodate increased enrollment and reported to the School Committee three years ago. The plan reported showed one way to further carve up spaces, but did not address all concerns of old parts of the building or take a programmatic approach to what would best support curriculum. The SC wanted a closer look at what the building should look like to properly accommodate our curricular program, and asked for a longer term vision of curriculum needs, enrollment driven needs, and, to some extent, current building conditions. In December of 2002 the School Committee heard from the second committee, which studied CCHS from both an enrollment and programmatic perspective. A plan was presented, and warrant articles were prepared to enact part of the plan. That was the year, however, that state funding was drastically cut, and we chose not to move forward in that economic climate.

This year, the School Committee will focus on bringing forth a building plan for CCHS. We are currently reviewing the previous plans, and getting questions answered which may direct how we proceed. We will be bringing you further information soon.

For those of you interested in following budget issues, the kick off for the preparation of next year's budget happens at the coordination meeting in September. In October, the Finance Committee of Concord meets with us about next year, and preliminary guidelines are set shortly thereafter. It is a good opportunity for anyone interested to understand what the School Committee must consider as we budget. All of this information will be considered in the next months as we prepare a budget by January.

We welcome the many new faces at CCHS, both students and teachers, and wish you a happy and healthy school year.

Betsy Bilodeau, Regional School Committee



IMPORTANT TELEPHONE INFORMATION

As you are aware by now CCHS has a new telephone system. Below are the names and new extension numbers you may need if you wish to contact a faculty or staff member. The main number at high school is **978-318-1400**. When you call this number you will hear the CCHS greeting, you can follow the prompts to reach anyone at the high school or to reach a department. **To leave a VOICE MAIL MESSAGE, you should dial 978-341-2490. Listen to the detailed instructions completely and then follow the prompts.**

CCHS Telephone Extension List for School Year 2004-05

Name	Ext. #	Department	Name	Ext. #	Department
			Curry, Jill	7363	Sped
Abrams, Clayton	7161	Athletic Trainor	Curtin, Tom	7108	Guidance Counselor
Albeck, Isabelle	7271	Foreign Language	D'Amore, Elisa	7312	Science
Angney, Mark	7265	English	Davies, Tracy	7327	Social Studies
Antokowiak, Lara	7277	Foreign Language	Davis, Erin	7344	Sped
Atlas, Peter	7286	Math	DeBruzzi, Christine	7158	Nurse
Basile, Michael	7329	Social Studies	Delaney, Marie	7116	Metco
Beardsley, Marion	7348	Sped	DeLisle, Erin (Lynch)	7274	Foreign Language
Beckwith, Anthony	7300	Math	Dentino, Al	7157	Music
Benson, Jennifer	7314	Science	DiCesare, Tamara	7109	Guidance Counselor
Bent, Cynthia	7273	Foreign Language	Diemert, Jean	7345	Sped
Blazewicz, Robert	7192	Applied Technology/Computers	Dinnall, Norma	7117	Metco
Bodenrader, Joe	7335	Social Studies	Dulong, Arthur	7110	Admin/Principal
Bookis, John	7292	Math	Dunbrack, Eileen	7112	Science Secretary
Brinton, Patty	7364	Sped	Flanagan, Sheri	7340	Sped
Brooks, Hester	7349	Sped	Flight, Wilson	7324	Science
Brown, Chuck	7155	Music	Fox-Morrow, Samantha	7325	Social Studies
Brown, Corey	7253	English	Franke, LouAnn	7107	Library Assistant
Burgess, Laura	7156	Music	Fuller, Jeff	7297	Math
Burgos, Barbara	7118	Metco Secretary	Furey, Alison	7109	Guidance Counselor
Bushey, Karen	7108	Guidance Counselor	Furey, Bob	7113	Social Studies
Cafeteria	7111	Cafeteria Supervisor	Gaffney, Marianne	7288	Math
Callahan, Keith	7191	Audio Visual Department	Gardner, Sophia	7272	Foreign Language
Camilleri, Scott	7376	Police	Gillis, Andrea	7463	Health & Fitness
Capone, Kevin	7462	Health & Fitness	Giunta, Lauren	7298	Math
Carr, Melissa	7337	Social Studies	Glazer, Johanna	7328	Social Studies
Carroll, Melissa	7353	Sped	Goldberg, Matt	7310	Science
Carver, Denise	7114	Sped	Golding, Dora	7258	English
Cataldo, Henry	7386	Art	Greeley, Jennifer	7250	English
Chambers, Kay	7108	Guidance Counselor	Guiney, Priscilla	7313	Science
Clark, Brent	7160	Athletic Director	Hammer, Martha	7100	Admin/Secretary
Clark, Karen	7369	Sped	Hart, Tom	7251	English
Clark, Marybeth	7315	Science	Haupt, Sandra	7294	Math
Cleary, Denis	7326	Social Studies	Hehn, Joe	7114	Sped
Cloherty, Rita	7359	Sped	Hennessy, Ann	7346	Sped
Coleman, Louisa	7101	Admin/Senior Admin Secretary	Hoblitzelle, Ethan	7330	Social Studies
Coopridier, Lee	7287	Math	Hull, Shelley	7254	English
Cox, Candace	7121	English Secretary	Irvin, Pat	7106	Library Assistant

Irwin, Kate	7351	Sped	Pendergast, Kathy	7167	Sped/ Alternative Program
Isnor, Joann	7123	Health & Fitness Secretary	Pennucci, Kevin	7318	Science
Jancek, Debbie	7151	CCHS Adult Ed Secretary	Perry, Linda	7293	Math
Joseph, Andrei	7113	Social Studies	Peterson, Nancy	7113	Social Studies Secretary
Keane, Tom	7114	Sped	Pickman, Joe	7382	Art
Kendall, Ben	7332	Social Studies	Pohl, Eric	7276	Foreign Language
Kerr, Dick	7458	Health & Fitness	Pozerycki, Joann	7357	Sped
Kirshtein, Kelli	7109	Guidance	Prifti, Dave	7383	Art
Krandall, Linda	7350	Sped	Raskind, Bob	7109	Guidance Counselor
Lamont, Stephen	7289	Math	Ravalese, Sue	7295	Math
Lane, Steve	7336	Social Studies	Richmond, Kate	7262	English
Lang, Norman	7391	Audio Visual Department	Rivera, Eric	7338	Social Studies
Leone, Joe	7290	Math	Roos, Ned	7185	WIQH Manager
Leonhardt, Mary	7252	English	Rosazza, Joan	7355	Sped
Lindner, John	7385	Art	Rotti, Rebecca	7309	Science
Loprete, Rebecca	7256	English	Sage, Fredda	7358	Sped
Lynch, Neil	7266	English	Sapp, Ann	7347	Sped
Mahoney, Rececca	7319	Science	Sechman, Carla	7308	Science
Mahony, Brian	7384	Art	Shawver, Alison	7296	Math
Martel, Jason	7281	Foreign Language	Siff, Rachel	7114	Sped
McCaffrey-Clark, Cricket	7322	Science	Slocum, Nancy	7461	Health & Fitness
McCutcheon, Scott	7360	Sped	Smith, Elizabeth	7361	Sped
McDonald, Cheryl	7108	Guidance Admin Secretary	Smith, Sanda	7124	Library
McGowan, Kate	7114	Sped	Spence, Alex	7264	English
McGrath, Brad	7109	Guidance Counselor	Spound, Amy	7365	Sped
McGrath, Dan	7459	Health & Fitness	St. Jean, Liz	7280	Foreign Language
Mead, Jere	7275	Foreign Language	Stevens, Harriet	7114	Sped
Merry, Kathy	7103	Admin/Attendance Secretary	Strang, Maryann	7368	Sped
Messina, Jason	7354	Sped	Sutter, Ingrid	7257	English
Migliozzi, Debbie	7122	Foreign Language Secretary	Tessari, Mary	7104	Registrar
Miller, Brian	7307	Science	Tomaz, Diane	7261	English
Moore, Ellen	7317	Science	Tracy, Jill	7109	Guidance Senior Secretary
Moore, Sara	7343	Sped	Trainor, Sharon	7102	Admin/Admin Secretary
Morgan, Michelle	7283	Foreign Language	Truslow, Jessica	7119	Admin/Assistant Principal
Moriarity, Jim	7193	Applied Technology	Vela, Michael	7323	Science
Moskowitz, Vicky	7255	English	Volpe, Iolanda	7278	Foreign Language
Moss, Jerry	7460	Health & Fitness	Wall, Steve	7194	Building Services
Murray, Sheila	7164	Admin/Behavior Spec .	Weinstein, Alan	7120	Admin/Assistant Principal
Nurenberg, David	7259	English	Whitcomb, Karen	7114	Sped Senior Secretary
O'Connor, Mary	7333	Social Studies	Wight, Pamela	7367	Sped
Olsen, Laura	7279	Foreign Language	Williams, Janet	7115	Math Secretary
Padden, Kate	7260	English	Wu, Hai Ming	7282	Foreign Language
Palmer, Erica	7341	Sped	Yered, John	7154	Math
Patenaude, Kerry	7356	Sped	Yuhas, Jeff	7320	Science
Patton, June	7291	Math	Yunker, Bill	7139	Guidance Counselor
Pavlik, Ray	7175	Science	Zellner, Christopher	7362	Yearbook Advisor
Payne, Amanda	7342	Sped	Zellner, Joseph	7334	Social Studies

OCTOBER



CALENDAR

1. Homeroom/Attendance

Senior/Counselor Meetings
Football/ Pep Band

2. '05 Car Wash @ Crosbys
Jr./Sr. Dance

'08 Volunteer Opportunity
Metco Welcome Back Picnic @ Alcott
'07 Class Outing

3. Free

4. Principals Coffee 8:30 a.m. room A-7

Outing Club: Life Is Good Sale all week

5. Free

6. College Mini Fair

Jr Post Secondary Plan Meeting

7. CCPops Meeting 7:00 p.m. Library
Metco Meeting @ Metco Inc, Gr. 9-12 7:30p.m.

8. '06 Tailgate

Frosh Speeches

Homeroom

Football/ Pep Band

9. **SAT 1 & 2**

Chorus Trip to New York

10. Chorus Trip to New York Return

11. 3rd Wing Bake Sale all week

Columbus Day – NO SCHOOL

Fall Play Rehearsal all day

12. Newsletter Deadline

Parent/Student Panel '08 rm A-7

13. Back Up Date for Jr. Pst Secondary Meeting

College Mini Fair

Frosh Elections

14. FREE

15. '07 Tailgate

Football/Pep Band

Homeroom/Attendance

16. **PSAT**

Pizza Party after PSAT for exam takers in cafeteria
'05 Dance @ 7:30 p.m.

17. Pep Band @ Crop Walk

18. '07 Bake Sale all week
Parent Association Mtg at 7:30 p.m.

Campus Beautification Week

Fall Play Auditions

19. Fall Play Auditions

20. School Advisory Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. M/ O

Private School Orientation

College Mini Fair

21. Band and Orchestra Concert

22. Football/Pep Band

Homeroom

'08 Tailgate

Fall Musical

23. **Fall Musical**

Senior Parent Social

24. Free

25. Model UN Bake Sale all week

Attendance Review Board Meeting 2:30 p.m.

26. '07 Drivers Ed Presentation

Mandatory Chorus Rehearsal

27. Chorus Concert 7:30 p.m.

Back Up Date Private School Orientation

28. Photo Retake Day

Sophomore Parent Social

29. Senior Class Group Photo

Homeroom/Attendance

Fall Musical

Harlem Wizards @ 7pm

30. **Fall Musical**

31. **Happy Halloween**



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PSAT Registration

Registration for the **Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests (PSAT's)** will be held in the Guidance Department during the week of October 4 - 8. The test will be given at CCHS on Saturday, October 16 at 8:15 a.m.

The fee for taking the PSAT's is \$25.00. Registration is by check only, made payable to Concord-Carlisle High School. Students who register will also receive a booklet with sample test questions and an explanation of the PSAT testing process.

SAT I & II Dates and Deadlines

<u>Tests</u>	<u>Registration</u>	<u>Deadlines</u>
<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Available</u>	
November 6	SAT I/SAT II	October 1
December 4	SAT I/SAT II	October 29
January 22	SAT I/SAT II	December 20

NEW SAT

March 12*	SAT I	February 7
May 7	SAT I/SAT II	March 25
June 4	SAT I/SAT II	April 29

* ONLY THE SAT I IS OFFERED.

Registration forms and booklets (**Taking the SAT I or Taking the SAT II Tests for SAT I and SAT II Tests**) can be obtained in the Guidance Office.

Financial Aid Info

Seniors seeking college financial aid should begin the process of looking for aid as soon as possible. Families may want to consider the following:

- Apply for institutional aid for state and federal scholarship programs by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**). The FAFSA is required by all colleges and is available in December. It should be submitted after January 1, 2005.
- Register for the **CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE**, the financial aid needs analysis service used by certain colleges and scholarship programs, as soon as possible. A booklet, detailing the two ways to register, by toll-free telephone or on-line, is currently available in Guidance. Not all colleges and scholarship programs require the PROFILE, a list is on the back of the form. Attend the **Financial Aid Evening** on Wednesday, December 1, 2004, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. at CCHS in the Auditorium.
- Research options, such as merit scholarships and the methodology used to determine financial need, using the **CCHS Guidance Department web-site** (www.colonial.net/guidance) and our various department publications.
- Check with your employers to see if they offer scholarship programs and/or other sources of financial aid for employees or children of employees.
- Visit ccscholarshipfund.org for more information.



Junior Post Secondary Planning

On **Wednesday, October 6, 2004 from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**, in the high school cafeteria, a meeting will be held for junior parents/guardians, which will focus on what families should be doing about post-secondary plans during the junior year. Topics discussed will include the timeline for the admissions process, sources of information, issues of student stress, and the role of parents in the process. *In the past, the guidance department has offered this session in February, but this date is intended to address issues concerning college admissions at an earlier time in the process. PLEASE NOTE: This meeting is designed primarily for parents, however, juniors are also welcome to attend.*

October College/Career Mini-Fairs

On **Wednesdays** this fall, beginning **September 29**, the CCHS Guidance Department hosts its annual series of college/career mini-fairs. Admissions officers from over 200 post-secondary institutions come to answer questions and to give out information about their schools.

The mini-fairs are held during all Lunch blocks in the library. All students are welcome to visit during part of their lunch period. Seniors and juniors who plan to attend any of the weekly mini-fairs should review the suggestions below to make the most of their mini-fair experience:

- Look over the partial list of visiting institutions and identify several schools to contact at the mini-fair. Your counselor can help with suggestions of schools in which you might have an interest.
- Develop a few specific questions to ask each school. Questions might include special academic interests, particular sports, support services available, or financial aid procedures. Collect written materials from schools that look interesting.
- Sign a card provided by the college. It will put you on a mailing list to receive more information from the school and also register your interest with the school. If you have already visited a college or had an interview, a quick hello to the admissions person visiting CCHS provides a good way to be remembered.
- The mini-fairs do not allow the opportunity to be interviewed by admissions personnel. Ask about interview opportunities, if interested. Be open to schools which might not have been on your original investigating list, but now seem interesting.



October 6 (partial list)

Western New England College
Colgate University
Bentley College
Rice University
University of Rhode Island
Green Mountain College
Ohio Wesleyan College
Bryn Mawr College
U. S. Military Acad. @ West Point
Whitman College
Allegheny College
Roger Williams University
Trinity College (CT)
Saint Joseph's College (ME)
University of Maryland – Baltimore
Brandeis University
Stevens Inst. of Technology
Emory University
Pine Manor College
University of Miami
Wheelock College

October 13 (partial list)

Eastern Nazarene College
Anna Maria College
University of Connecticut
Marietta College
Westfield State College
Newbury College
Lesley College
Castleton State College
University of Albany
University of Rochester
Eckerd College
Hartwick College
Villanova University
Barnard College
St. Michael's College
MA Col. of Pharmacy & Health Services
Plymouth State College
University of Maine (Machias)
Simmons College
Hofstra University
Bridgton Academy
Rollins College
Johnson & Wales University
Stonehill College
New England College
Brown University
Massachusetts National Guard

Becker College
Rutgers College
Marist College
Fitchburg State College
Salve Regina University
The University of Maine
Wells College

October 20 (partial list)

New Hampshire Institute of Art
Lyndon State College
Wagner College
Elms College
Skidmore College
Elmira College
Stockbridge School at UMass (A)
Goucher College
Reed College
Radford University
Paul Smith's College
Virginia Wesleyan College
College of St. Joseph
Gettysburg College
Dickinson College
Lafayette College
St. Anselm College
American University
Middlebury College
Providence College
Vanderbilt University

See You Next Month