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News

PARENT ASSOCIATION

As the days get shorter and colder, most of us have settled in to a routine and hope that our students have too! October was full of activities, sports contests, concerts, the fall musical and many class events for students and parents. I hope that all students and parents have made some connections through these events and that the year is going smoothly for everyone. There have been two successful dances, seniors are working on college applications and Thanksgiving is just around the corner.

The next Principal's Coffee is on Monday, November 1st at 8:30 a.m. in Room A-7. The next PA evening meeting/Principal's Coffee is on November 8th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

This year we have changed the format of the evening PA meetings to an informal discussion with Principal Art Dulong to accommodate those parents who are unable to come to daytime events. Parents can attend either or both of these coffees which give an opportunity to ask about any concerns or convey appreciation about the way things are going at CCHS. A brief PA update is followed by open discussion. Our first meeting/coffee was well attended even though it was the night of Game 5 of the ALCS series (!) and we hope that parents will take advantage of these opportunities.

If you still have not collected your copy of Connections, please stop by the main office before 12:30 and pick it up from Martha Hammer. If you paid dues and did not collect the directory at Back to School Night your name is on a list for pickup. If you need an extra copy, we have a few available at \$5 per copy. Thanks again to Ellen Gamboa and Shelley Mogil for preparing the directory and to Sarah Kussin for taking in the membership forms and to Sarah and Kim Jessee (along with parent and student volunteers) for handling the distribution of Connections at Back to School Night. If you need to change your listing, 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.

Our Grants Committee is hard at work reviewing the Fall cycle of grant applications. Thanks to Paula von Kleydorff, Chair and Mary Ann Ferrell, Amy Harlow, Helen Lyons, Susan Mills, Priscilla Sturges and Jean Ford Webb for their work on this committee. Their recommendations will be considered by the full Grants Committee (including teachers, students, Art Dulong and the PA Executive Board) in mid-November. We will be reporting on the items approved shortly after the November meeting. The funds for the grants come from your PA dues and the Annual Appeal Campaign in the Spring. Thank you all for your generosity and support.

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. Over 150 of you took advantage of this opportunity. Thanks to Bob Treitman and to Karen Sabatino, for their work in setting this up. If you still are not using this system, please sign up right away. This is the primary means of communication regarding school matters and you need to sign up to be sure that you will 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.

Thanks to all parents who completed a pink volunteer form with offers to help on various committees or with certain events. Special thanks to Janine Penfield who compiles all of this information. Committee chairs and event coordinators should be receiving lists of willing volunteers from Janine shortly. We are fortunate that so many parents are willing to help in a wide variety of ways. If you have any questions about volunteering or suggestions for new activities or events, please contact any PA Board member.

We are working on arranging for speakers to address topics of interest to parents. If you have suggestions for future speakers that would be of interest to the high school community, please contact PA vice president, Lisa Betancourt, 978-369-3453.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns that the PA can address.

Diane Payne
PA President
978-287-5031



Thanksgiving Football Game
CCHS @ Bedford on November 25th at 10:00 a.m.
Get Your Tickets EARLY



NOTES FROM ART DULONG

So far the school year continues on a very positive note. The entire school community seems to be actively engaged in productive activity. Clubs and activities are meeting, planning, and generally having a good time. The athletic program has had reasonable competitive season and an outstanding season on the participation front. Teachers are teaching and students are learning. Very soon we will be entering the time frame that features the end of quarter furry of assessments. I hope the smiles and good feelings persist throughout that stressful time.

As always, there are a couple things to report. Although they are still in the early stages of discussion, I believe the school committee will soon be calling for another study of the high school facility directed by an as yet unnamed architectural firm. You may recall that a committee assessed facility needs a couple years ago, making a recommendation for a substantial rebuild of the structure. That proposal took a back seat to the needs of the elementary schools. Before the School Committee makes a decision of what, if anything, to do with CCHS they seek more information. They are particularly interested in knowing whether it is more cost efficient to build new or to renovate. I believe they will expect a thorough report before the close of the school year.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) has taken upon itself the task of reorganizing the Student and Parent Handbook. Their goal is to make it a more user-friendly document. You may know that the Handbook is a legal document, which includes many state or federally mandated sections. It also includes many school district policies established by the School Committee. The bulk of it includes the rules and regulations of the school, which may be established by the administration, or changed by the administration, but with oversight of the SAC and with final approval legally the responsibility of the School Committee. It is important for students and parents to understand the information in the document. The SAC hopes to make it more accessible.

Some of you have noticed that some classes are a little larger this year. It is true. We have grown by about 40 students without adding any staff. The result is slightly increased class size in certain areas. In a small number of cases there are classes of around 30 students. Still, our overall class size average is about 23, and most classes are between 20 and 25. We will have to carefully monitor projections over the next few years as we continue to provide the very best educational opportunities within our budget parameters.



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.**

CONCORD CARLISLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND'S WEBSITE

Log on to the Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund's website, <http://www.ccscholarshipfund.org> for CCSF eligibility and application information/materials.

The CCSF site also provides helpful ideas and links for locating and applying for college financial aid from other sources.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

Each year, after the first quarter report cards have been distributed, the high school provides an opportunity for parents to meet with their son/daughter's teachers and guidance counselor to discuss student progress. This year, our Parent-Teacher Conference Day will be held on Thursday, December 2nd, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. Ten-minute modules have been scheduled for conferences with teachers and counselors. A mailing with all of the information needed to set up appointments was sent to all CCHS parents in October. Forms have been sent back to your homes with the assigned appointments. *Additional appointments may be made on November 18, 19, 22 and 23 by calling 978-341- 2490 x7101. No appointments will be accepted after 11:00 a.m. on November 23rd.*

QUARTER 1 REPORT CARDS

First quarter report cards will be distributed to students in homeroom on Friday, November 19th. Since we do not mail report cards, parents should ask to see their son/daughter's report cards when they return from school that Friday. In addition to providing information about grades for the first marking period, report cards also provide attendance information and indicate if there is a credit reduction problem due to unexcused absences. Please review report cards carefully, and if you have any questions, call the teacher of the course about which you have questions or call your son/daughter's guidance counselor.



SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

In the event of school cancellation or delayed openings, announcements will be made on radio stations WBZ and WHDH and on television channels 4, 5, and 7. In the case of a delayed opening, school will begin at 8:35 a.m. instead of 7:35 a.m. Buses will arrive at bus stops one hour later than usual in the morning. Classes will end at the regular time, 2:05 p.m.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 24th, the day before Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL GAME

The Concord-Carlisle High School Varsity Football Team will have their last game of the season on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25th, at 10:00 a.m. at Bedford High School. Pre-game ticket sales begin on Wednesday, November 17 through Wednesday, November 24 from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm with Mrs. Hammer in the Main Office. Pre-game tickets are \$4 each. Tickets will be \$5 each on game day. Don't miss it. Get out there and support our team!!!



TELEPHONE REMINDER:

The number to call is **978-341-2490** to reach anyone at the high school. Listen to the prompts and follow the instructions.

WIQH 88.3 FM - HOMETOWN TREASURES

The CCHS Radio Station, WIQH 88.3 FM, has unveiled its fantastic **WIQH HOMETOWN TREASURES** – a book of discount coupons redeemable at local merchants. Buy a book (or 2 or 3) for \$25 each, then use the discount coupons donated by local merchants. Your \$25 up-front donation to WIQH will easily be recouped when you use the wide variety of featured coupons. Coupons are good until December 2005. This is sure to be a sell out, so get your books early! **HOMETOWN TREASURES** is available from WIQH members or you can contact Cathy Galligan (catgalligan@comcast.net or 978-369-5003) for more information.

ARE YOU READY FOR A HYPNOTIC PERFORMANCE ??



Is Mind Reading for Real?

Is ESP a hidden power or a cultivated talent?

Join the more than 1,000,000 people who have witnessed hypnotist Russ Burgess in action as he performs at CCHS. Back by popular demand, Russ Burgess' visit to CCHS on November 20 promises to be his best yet with a demonstration of ESP and hypnotism. See students and teachers do things they never thought they would or could do! Russ has convinced college students around the country to "walk on the moon". He can persuade his subjects that the room is too hot, too cold, or even that the audience is naked!

Come to the upper gym at CCHS at 7 PM on Saturday, November 20 and be amazed! Bring a friend, bring your family. Tickets will be for sale during lunch blocks on November 17 - 20.

Sponsored by CCHS Class of 2007.

Hope to see you there!

KAPLAN TEST PREP

Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions will offer SAT prep classes this coming winter/spring through Concord-Carlisle Adult and Community Education. There will be two classes, one starting in late January and the second class starting in March for the MARCH and the MAY 2005 administration of the NEW SAT. For information or to enroll in a class, call 1-800-KAP-TEST.

The Kaplan course and private tutoring are designed to help students excel on the NEW SAT which will include a

new Writing Section in addition to the Critical Reading and the Math Sections. Each of the three sections of the SAT will total 800 points for a total of 2400 possible points on the NEW SAT.

Kaplan Premier Private Tutoring offers students a one-on-one, instructional approach, tailored to the student's individual test prep needs and to accommodate their schedule. Kaplan Premier's tutor will meet with the student for in-home PSAT/SAT test preparation. Call (781) 216-9036 to arrange for a private tutor.

KAPLAN SAT

CLASSROOM COURSE FOR THE NEW SAT

Kaplan offers a 12-session course to prepare for the March, May or June 2005 NEW SAT. Students will attend 8, 2.5-hour lessons, where they will review all of the content tested on the NEW SAT, and learn Kaplan's proven strategies for handling every type of question on the exam. Students will

also take 4 full-length practice SATs, under timed conditions, just like they will on test day. The Kaplan course includes a complete home study kit, including a Lesson Book, a Reference and Additional Practice Book, 300 vocabulary and math flashcards, a CD-ROM and unlimited access to online workshops.



PERFORMING THEATER

ARTS NEWS

Our performance-filled October is coming to an end this weekend with the final performances of Forever Plaid on the 29th and 30th at 7:30pm in the CCHS auditorium. This is a production that you don't want to miss!

November begins with the CCPOPS meeting on November 4th in the library at 7:00pm. Please come and get involved in the planning for our upcoming events. We have a theater trip planned to see the Lion King in Boston on November 10th.

The cast of Steel Magnolias is busy rehearsing and plans are coming together to support the December 10th-12th production in the Little Theater.

We will be hosting a visiting chorus from Lawton N. Chiles High School in Tallahassee Florida on November 18th-21st, and performing a joint concert on Sunday the 21st. We are still looking for host families for this event. Please call Margie Zuk at 978-369-1411 if you would like to participate.



**SUMMER FUN IN JANUARY--SAVE THE DATE!!
24TH ANNUAL SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR--JANUARY 31, 2005**

Plans are now underway for the 24th annual Summer Opportunities Fair which will be held on January 31st from 5:30-8:30 in the CCHS cafeteria. In an effort to give students of all ages an opportunity to explore some exciting alternatives to their usual summer activities, the fair brings together representatives from over 70 organizations to present information about summer opportunities locally, nationally, and abroad. Exhibitors will display information on traditional summer camps, wilderness adventures, education and enrichment opportunities, sports camps, foreign language and student exchange programs, volunteer opportunities, and more. This year the fair will be expanded to provide summer employment and internship opportunities! Look for more information in the December newsletter. Sponsored by the CCHS Parents' Association



COLLEGE DEADLINES - STUDENT RECORD CONSENT FORMS

Seniors should note their College application deadlines. Record consent forms are due to Mrs. Tessari no later than the dates listed below. The Student Record Consent Forms must be given to Mrs. Tessari at least ten (10) school days prior to each college application deadline.

College Deadline

Student Record Consent Form Due Date

- November 15th
- December 1st
- December 15th
- January 1st
- January 15th

- November 1st
- November 10th
- November 30th
- December 9th
- January 3rd.





There are still a number of seniors who have not purchased a Cap and Gown. Seniors should bring a check for \$25.00 to Mrs. Coleman as soon as possible. Remember, without a Cap and Gown you will not be allowed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.

Senior Year is well underway. The Senior Faculty Tea was well attended by Senior Students. The Tea is a traditional function that provides seniors an opportunity to meet with members of the CCHS faculty and request letters of recommendation for college applications.

Despite a rainy cold day the Senior Class Car Wash was a wonderful success. The class washed cars, vans, trucks, a HumVee and the Concord Fire Department Ambulance. Thanks to members of the class of 2005 for a great job.

In the upcoming months seniors will be busy applying to college. Mrs. Tessari, the Registrar, needs a minimum of two weeks to process your transcript release request. Please give Mrs. Tessari your release form as soon as possible.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Lee Bagley, Bev Castrichini, Margaret Coughlin, Karen Ippolito

CLASS 2006

SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING DINNER

On Saturday, November 20th, the students of the Junior class will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner in the CCHS Cafeteria for the Senior Citizens of Concord and Carlisle. All students are welcomed to participate. Community service hours will be given. There will be two shifts, 9:30 to 11:30 for set up, and 11:00 to 2:00 for serving. Sign up for one shift or both.

Parents are also needed, both before hand to help prepare for this event, and to work the day of supporting the students' efforts and working in the kitchen. **We will need some apple and pumpkin pies, so bake or purchase.** Several parents are planning a pie baking get-together just before hand. Join us.

Students, if you want to be a part of this wonderful day, speak to class president, Sean Morris, email Mrs. Turner Michael at JTMconcord@aol.com , or stop in the main office and sign up with Mrs. Hammer. Parents, if you would like to help out, contact Barbara Lewis at blglewis@comcast.net or 978-287-0049.

And if you know of any seniors in our communities who would enjoy attending, please encourage them to put this on their calendars and call the Concord or Carlisle Council on Aging to sign up.

It is going to be a great day.

The October 8th tailgate party held prior to the CCHS v. Wayland game for juniors and their families was attended by nearly 80 people. The group enjoyed terrific weather, good food, good company and a CCHS victory. Thanks to student helpers Brinnan Chartier, Julie deJesus, Taylor Holloman-Pressley, Rene Salvo, Lila Terwilliger, Hilary Urbancic and to student chairperson, Jessica Murphy. Thanks also to parents Nancy Chartier, Mary Ann Gorman, Jane Turner Michael, Kate O'Leary, Steve Pressley, Lisa Salvo, Kathy Terwilliger and co- chairs Sandra Arena and Margaret deJesus.

The PSATs were held at CCHS on Saturday, October 16th with 328 students participating. All were invited to a pizza lunch, sponsored by the '06 parents, in the café following the test. Thanks to chairs Sandra Arena and Jane Turner Michael and the parents who worked at the event.

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

Save the Date: January 28th, Wine and Cheese Social. Details to follow.

Margaret deJesus

CLASS OF 2007

Many thanks to all who were able to join the class coffee earlier in the Fall. And to the many who weren't there, we've shared information on all coming events for the year via email. Please be sure to take a task for the class this year – in this way we'll have adequate adult involvement with no one feeling "stuck". The response at the coffee and via email has been great – thanks to all who are able to step up to commitments both large and small.

Here are a few dates to remember for class activities in November and into early December



CLASS 2007 CONTINUED

- ❖ **Saturday, November 20:** The Hypnotist is back – join in a hypnotic evening, great fun for students and parents. Do you think mind reading is for real? Is ESP a hidden power or a cultivated talent? Join the more than 1,000,000 people who have witnessed hypnotist Russ Burgess in action as he performs at CCHS. Tickets will be available for sale during week prior to performance. Open to all CCHS students and their families. Same evening as Concord Education Fund Spelling Bee – come enjoy multiple activities at CCHS.
- ❖ **Late November/Early December:** Class of 2007 magazine sales drive – great way to raise funds for the class and opportunity for CCHS community to pick up subscription holiday gifts! Details to follow.
- ❖ **Thursday, December 2:** No School – parent conferences at CCHS. Class of 2007 will provide refreshments for sale throughout the day.
- ❖ **Friday, December 10:** All School Dance.

And a final note with an old message – 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.

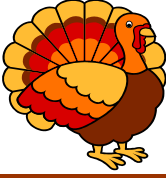
CLASS OF 2008

Thanks to parents and students who participated in the October 2 Community Service day at the Food Project. It was a great way to get together and support a very worthy cause at the same time. Thank you, Brenda Delsener for pulling this off so early in the year. Student elections took place on October 13, and the results are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Congratulations to all who ran, as well as those who won. Faith Johnson had a great group organizing the 2008 Tailgate that preceded the Westford Academy game on Oct. 22. The CCHS Pep Band entertained, as did the drummers of O-Daiko New England, while visitors from Concord's Japanese sister city, Nanae, looked on. Many thanks to Faith and her crew which included Marilyn Brady, Lynn Duffy, Brenda Delsener, Tom Brosnahan, Jane Fisher, Linda Finnerty, Kate Sundquist, Vina Patel, Lisa Philipou and Class Faculty Advisor, Laurie Giunta. Laurie and Dan McGrath will be meeting with the new student government officers and home-room reps. to organize events that add cash to the class coffers. Money raised at these events goes toward defraying junior and senior event ticket prices to make them affordable for all. Some of the ideas floating around for this year are a Dodge Ball Tournament and a movie night in April. For November, kids should look forward to Spirit Week, held the week before Thanksgiving. One day that week will be 2008 day, a day to wear class colors, which happen to be green. (See, you do learn something from this column, after all!). A Parent Social is coming up this month. Watch your mail for an invitation with all the details. And, if you missed them at Back to School Night, 2008 will be selling two styles of CCHS decals on Conference Day, December 2. Show your school spirit. Look for the Class of 2008 table and make a purchase. They're only \$4. November reminds us that there is much to be thankful for, especially here in our CCHS community. At this time of year, as always, let's remember to say thanks to our staff, administrators, teachers, kids and fellow parents.

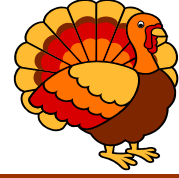
Katie Carr

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE CHECKING / THINKING ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:

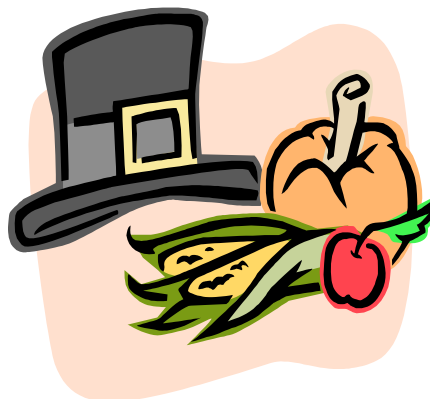
- ALL STUDENTS: COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
- SENIORS: COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES
- SENIORS: CAP AND GOWN PAYMENT
- SENIORS: CONCORD-CARLISLE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (CHECK THE CCSF WEBSITE, SEE ARTICLE IN THIS NEWSLETTER)
- ALL STUDENTS: MATERIALS NOT RETURNED – BOOKS, CALCULATORS, ETC.
- ALL STUDENTS: BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR LOCKERS LOCKED AND PLEASE DON'T KEEP MONEY IN LOCKERS. MONEY CAN BE LEFT IN THE OFFICE AND PICKED AT THE END OF THE DAY.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR



1. Principals Coffee 8:30 a.m. room A-7
Step Club Bake Sale all week
Chorus Fundraiser Begins
2. **Election Day** – Get Out and Vote
Concord Ed Fund 7:30 pm
3. Freshmen/Sophomore Parent Meeting
4. CCPops Meeting
5. Homeroom
Pep Band at Football Game
Quarter 1 Ends
6. SAT
7. Free
8. PA Meeting 7:30 p.m.
WIQH Bake Sale all week
ARB Meeting 2:30 p.m.
9. December Newsletter Deadline
10. Back Up Date for Freshmen/Sophomore Meeting
11. Build Set for Musical
NO SCHOOL – VETERAN’S DAY
12. Pep Band at Football Game
Homeroom/Attendance Reports
Frosh Football Tailgate
13. Free
14. Rain Date Football Workday
NEASC Visit Begins
15. '06 T-shirt sale all week
'05 T-shirt sale all week
NEASC Visit
16. **NEASC Visit**
SAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
17. **NEASC Visit Ends**
18. **MCAS ELA 1 & 2**
Chorus Rehearsal 6:00 – 9:00 pm
19. **Report Cards Distributed**
MCAS ELA 3
Homeroom
20. Concord Ed Fund Spelling Bee
Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by Class 2006
MMEA ND Sr. District Auditions
Football Workday
Hypnotist sponsored by '07
21. Chorus Concert with Lawton Chiles High School
2:00 pm auditorium
22. Spirit Week Begins
ARB Meeting 2:30 pm
23. Free
24. **Spirit Assembly**
HALF DAY Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.
Pep Rally/Bonfire at 7:00 p.m.
25. **Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL**
Pep Band at Football
CCHS vs: Bedford HS at 10:00 a.m. in Bedford
26. Free
27. Free
28. Free
29. Homeroom/Attendance
'06 Fundraiser all week
30. Free



Guidance Department Publication

“Guidance Bulletin”

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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Freshmen/Sophomore Planning Night

Interested in how you can support a successful high school experience for your child? Want to know how to help your adolescent be on target for the college admissions process? Both of these questions will be answered in the *Freshmen/Sophomore Planning Night, Wednesday, November 3, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in the CCHS Auditorium.*

CCHS Guidance Counselor Bill Yunker will provide an overview of the timeline for college admissions, factors which impact on college admissions, and the financial aid process. CCHS School Adjustment Counselor, Kelli Kirshtein, will discuss risk factors for adolescents, the influence of peers, and supports available to parents. While all 9th and 10th grade parents are welcome to attend, the evening should be of particular interest to first time parents.

Common Application

The Common Application has been available to students for many years, but in the past few years the number of colleges that encourage students to use this application has grown to over 250. The student may either do the form on line or download it. To obtain more information, go to www.commonapp.org.

For many years, some students were reluctant to use the Common Application for fear that it would put them at a disadvantage compared with students who use the college specific form. Colleges assure us this is not the case, and independent surveys of acceptances over a ten-year period confirm this. We encourage students to use the Common Application. By devoting maximum effort to one application rather than spending many hours filling in similar information on many forms, students can focus on one application and devote more time to senior year coursework.

Please note that some of the colleges require a supplement. This form is available online.

Attention Juniors - “New SATs”

This is the first year that the “new” SATs will be administered by College Board. We are aware that families are receiving mailings from private testing companies with recommendations as to when to prepare to take the SAT I test. In order to help clarify this issue, below is a list of changes in the test followed by the CCHS Guidance Department recommendation on testing.

New SAT I exams are offered March 12 (February 7 deadline), May 7 (March 25 deadline), June 4 (April 29 deadline). Forms are available in the Guidance Department, but on-line registration is recommended: www.collegeboard.com.

The new SAT I will include a student-written essay, analogies eliminated, shorter reading passages added, new content from third-year college prep math, quantitative comparisons eliminated.

Many colleges will require the new SAT I. **THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CCHS STUDENTS TAKE THE NEW SAT I test.**

What About SAT II's?

Only the most competitive colleges require the SAT II's, and in the past, writing was required by most of these colleges. The writing SAT II is now eliminated because writing has become part of the SAT I exam. Some of the competitive colleges will continue to require three SAT II exams, some will only require two. This list has not yet been finalized and students will need to refer to the websites at individual colleges for updated information. We do expect an accurate list in the Spring.



What About ACTs, and Do I Need To Take Them?

ACT is a different college entrance test offered by a different company than SAT. Because SAT has added writing, ACT has also included writing as an option. It is a myth that ACTs are easier than SAT I's. College use a conversion table. Colleges will accept SAT I or ACT and some colleges may accept ACTs in place of SAT I and II's. For most CCHS students, taking SAT exams are sufficient. Please confer with your counselor if there are any questions about which test is appropriate.

Watch for Upcoming Events

Financial Aid Workshop
Wednesday, December 1, 2004
CCHS Auditorium
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

PSAT Scores Sent Home In December

**See Page Three of our Guidance Bulletin
for the
Concord-Carlisle High School
Parent/Community Member Career Survey**

A BIG THANKYOU!

The Guidance Department would like to thank the Parents Association for their help in supplying refreshments to our fall College/Career Mini Fair representatives. A special thank you to Lisa Betancourt for leading this effort!



CONCORD-CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL
Parent/Community Member Career Survey

INSTRUCTIONS: For the past several years CCHS has used its parent/community database to provide students with career shadowing, internships, and other career-related experiences. If you would like to be included in the database, **please complete and return the form below as soon as possible to the Guidance Department.**

	<u>PARENT 1</u>	<u>PARENT 2</u>
Last Name, First Name		
Street Address		
Town, Zip Code		
Home Telephone/Fax		
Work Telephone/Fax		
E-mail		
Employer/Town		
Type of Business		
Job Title		
Work Speciality		
<u>WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO:</u>		
1. Have a student visit you at work to learn about your career?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Mentor a student intern for a minimum of 4 hours per week?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Meet with a student to discuss your work?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Provide career-related information with a student on the telephone? If yes, which phone (home/work)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Be a guest speaker in classes or to a group?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Please provide any other information about yourself and your interests which you think might be useful.		

For further information regarding Internship and Career Shadowing Programs, contact Alison Furey at 978-341-2490, extension 7145 or afurey@colonial.net.

The End

See You Next Month

Happy Thanksgiving!