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News

PARENT ASSOCIATION

Winter arrived last month and all the December holidays have been celebrated. Winter sports are keeping many students very busy, the play, "Steel Magnolias," was terrific and our instrumental and choral musicians have given some great performances. Happy New Year to everyone - I hope you all had a pleasant and restful break!

I want to highlight a few upcoming events to be sure that you have them on your calendars. The first is the Summer Opportunities Fair which will take place on Monday, January 31st from 5:30 to 8:30 in the CCHS Cafeteria. This event is free and open to all in the community. Representatives of camps, schools, travel companies, volunteer organizations and others will have booths set up and provide information on many activities available for youth during the summer months. This year, in addition to the travel and camp opportunities presented in the Cafeteria, there will also be a summer job fair presented in the library for students who would like to make some money and gain some work experience next summer. Thanks to the Committee, Kathy Maple (Chair), English Ball, Nancy Flaherty, Karen Sabatino, and Suellen Wheeler and to all the others who helped them for all their hard work in producing this Fair which provides a valuable service to our community and raises additional money for PA grants. If you would like to help out, please contact Kathy at 978-371-2740.

The second event I'd like to call to your attention will take place on February 2, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the CCHS Auditorium. The Concord-Carlisle Alliance for Teen Safety is sponsoring a Forum on Teen Suicide and Depression. The keynote speaker will be Gail Griffith, author of a book about her family's personal and powerful experience with the attempted suicide of a son. It is called "Will's Choice: A Suicidal Teen, a Desperate Mother, and a Chronicle of Recovery", and it will be released in May 2005. Gail will be preceded by Boston Globe Pulitzer Prize winning columnist Eileen McNamara, whose November 28 column, entitled "Our Silence is Fatal Flaw", about the unrelated suicides of three teens in Wellesley and Needham, has touched a raw nerve for suburban Boston. If you would like any additional information, please contact Barbara Howland, Executive Director for Alliance for Teen Safety at cc4youth@colonial.net or 978-835-2729.

Many parents had the opportunity to meet with the teachers to discuss the progress of their students at the conferences on December 2nd and a lovely dinner was provided to the teachers and staff by the Parents Association to show our appreciation for all their hard work. Special thanks to Kate Bird, Anita Tekle, Janet Lipkin and Paula Trebino for organizing this dinner and to all the parents who helped set up, serve, clean up or baked wonderful treats and provided gifts for the teachers to take home.

This is my second and final year as the PA President and the nominations committee is already at work seeking to fill this position and several others due to parents "graduating" or moving on to other responsibilities. In order to provide a smooth transition, it would be very helpful to identify anyone interested in serving on the PA Executive Board or any committee as soon as possible. There are many ways to help out and if you have an interest in getting more involved or can think of someone who might be willing to take on one of these jobs, please call any of the PA Executive Board or the Nominating Committee members (listed in your "Connections" directory).

If you are reading this, you are on the e-mail distribution list. If you have friends who are not getting information from CCHS because they are not signed up, please share information with them and encourage them to get on this list. To sign up they need to go to www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo and follow the instructions. They will need their student's ID number to sign up.

We still have a number of copies of Connections (the student directory) which were paid for but not picked up on Back to School Night in September. These can be collected from Mrs. Hammer in the main office before 12:30 any day. If you need an extra copy, we have a few available at \$5 per copy.

Don't forget the Principal's coffee on January 3rd at 8:30 a.m. in A-7 (yes, it is the first day of school after the break). The next PA Meeting will be held the following Monday, January 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

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



Happy New Year



I want to take this opportunity to provide some insight on a potentially serious issue.

Teenage angst is a relatively normal condition, although not all teens experience it. The teens who do frequently have feelings of sadness, anxiety, inadequacy, or some other expression that is the manifestation of a process of questioning oneself about one's character, personality, strengths, and weaknesses. The teen years are when that self-discovery takes place. Because it is a path not yet traveled it can frequently be a path traveled with uncertainty.

However, sometimes the angst can devolve to something that is not necessarily normal, even though it may be seen with some frequency among the age population. The state of suicidal ideation amongst teens is something we see with some regularity, but it is not something that is seen as entirely normal. At CCHS we have trained professionals who are also very experienced professionals. The social workers and guidance counselors at CCHS can be a tremendous asset to your child and to you if there are any questions regarding normal teen angst versus suicidal ideation. I encourage you to direct any uncertainty or questions you might have to them.

Recently we have read about three terribly unfortunate instances that occurred independently in two greater Boston towns. I am certain that people in those towns are doing and have been doing all that they can to ensure the health and welfare of their teens. Concord and Carlisle are extremely fortunate to have a number of people and agencies that work together to do that here. The Alliance for Teen Safety, in cooperation with a number of other agencies, is sponsoring a Forum on Teen Depression and Suicide February 2nd at the CCHS auditorium. The keynote speaker is Gail Griffith, author of "Will's Choice: A Suicidal Teen, a Desperate Mother, and the Road to Recovery". This is a book about Gail's own experience. She will be introduced by Boston Globe Pulitzer Prize winning columnist Eileen McNamara, who recently wrote about the 3 teen suicides in Wellesley/Needham.

I believe the night will be very informative. I know the night will be valuable. I encourage you to pencil it into your schedule.

I guess it is about the time of year I bring you the budget news – I know you don't want to hear it! But wait. This year it is not so bad. For a variety of reasons, but mostly because the state is living up to its obligations, it appears that we will not be threatening to reduce staff, programs, or supplies and materials. All of our current needs can be accommodated within both towns levy limit. In fact, I was asked to provide direction regarding new programs.

Here is some of what I proposed for CCHS in no particular order.

- Add a 10-month administrative position whose responsibilities would focus on student issues and state and federal compliance issues.
- Restore the secretarial time lost last year to budgetary constraints.
- Upgrade some parts of the facility, including better lighting, sound system, and a projection system for the little theater, new bleachers for the upper gym, new bleachers for the football field, and curbing and/or a small fence around flag pole grassy area
- Add a new Java computer language course.
- Add a drama program as an school day academic entity
- Expand both the art and music programs slightly
- Add staff to the Health and Fitness program.
- Add interscholastic athletic programs for both boys and girls.
- Begin to rebuild the supply, materials, and textbook accounts.
- Restore professional development and summer curriculum development funds.

There are sound reasons why each of the above proposals are necessary and would be a welcome addition to the school. It would be too lengthy to address each of the above in this column, but the essence is that in the 4 years I have been here the student body at CCHS has grown by just about 20%, from 1,028 to 1,242. We have not been able to adjust program to meet this growth. Although I do not expect us to grow dramatically in the near future, there is a need to expand some programs simply to meet current need. Elective course are filled to the max with some students being turned away. At this time I have no way of knowing how many of these suggestions will actually be included in the budget that is ultimately approved. I do think it is important for you to know what I perceive as some of the needs at CCHS.

On another matter, you will be hearing about the possibility of something dramatic being done to this facility. That is another topic that is too lengthy to describe in this column, but the School Committee is taking a cautiously aggressive approach to determining the exact needs of the facility and seeking informed advice as to how to proceed. Throughout the spring, the Feasibility Study Committee will be discussing and formulating a recommendation regarding the future of the CCHS facility. This discussion and the recommendations that emerge may well be the most important considerations that face Concord and Carlisle for the foreseeable future. I will try to keep you informed.

9TH GRADE HUMAN SEXUALITY CURRICULUM MEETING

There will be a Parent Informational Meeting at which an overview of the 9th grade Human Sexuality Curriculum will be presented. The meeting will take place on Thursday, January 20 at 7:00pm in the Little Theater



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.

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.



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.

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. Applications are also available in the main office at CCHS. The CCSF site also provides helpful ideas and links for locating and applying for college financial aid from other sources.

The Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund (CCSF) is a private, nonprofit organization founded over 30 year ago and is dedicated to providing scholarships to deserving students. In 2004, over \$125,000 was awarded to local students to support their post high school education.

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

Applicants must reside in or have attended school in Concord or Carlisle. The CCSF scholarships are awarded based on need not merit. However, CCSF shares applications with several local organizations, such as the Concord Women's Club, the West Concord Women's Club, the VFW, the Concord Public Library and the Carlisle Garden Club, which award merit and need based scholarships.

Please direct any questions to our website.

COLLEGE DEADLINES - STUDENT RECORD CONSENT FORMS

Seniors should note their College application deadlines.

If your college deadline date is January 15th you **MUST** submit your record consent form(s) to Mrs. Tessari **no later than January 3rd**. The Student Record Consent Forms must be given to Mrs. Tessari at least **ten (10) school days prior to each college application deadline.**



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.**

COURSE REGISTRATIONS FOR 2005-2006

Program of Studies booklets are being prepared for current freshmen, sophomores and juniors so that they will be able to select courses for the coming school year. Materials will be distributed at the beginning of second semester in February, and students will have ample opportunity to review course descriptions, talk with their teachers and counselors, consult with their parents and submit their selections.

In February, all students who are in sequential programs of study will receive a recommendation from their current teachers for next year's placement. Parents who have questions about recommendations are invited to contact teachers directly. If you have a general program question, please call the guidance counselor for your son or daughter. Course selections determine the number of sections to be offered, so making the right decision is very important.

MID-YEAR EXAMS

Mid-year exams will be administered January 25, 26, 27 and 28. The schedule for mid-year exams will be given to all students in homeroom and is included in this newsletter.

THANK YOU, PARENTS

The entire faculty and administration express our appreciation to all of the parents who provided the delicious supper on December 2, Conference Day. It was spectacular! Thank you very much!

CLASS 2009 ORIENTATION BEGINS

Eighth graders from the Carlisle and the Concord Middle School will be visiting CCHS during the month of January. Dates for these visits as well as parent orientation meetings are noted in the enclosed calendar page. Starting with the March Newsletter, Concord and Carlisle parents of Class 2009 will begin to receive the CCHS Newsletter if you are signed up for the list serve.

WHAT DO I DO IF I WANT TO HAVE A FRIEND VISIT SCHOOL?

We enjoy the fact that many community members use our facilities. Yet, during the school day we must maintain an appropriate environment to promote teaching and learning. Therefore, we cannot allow student shadowers/visitors unless certain conditions are met.

- First, **visitors must be pre-approved by members of the administration** and the **host's teachers at least** one day in advance.
- Secondly, these students **cannot be missing a day** of their own school in order to visit ours.
- Thirdly, if the students are traveling on the bus from Boston, **they must seek permission from Mrs. Dinnall**, the METCO Director, to have a guest on the bus.
- And lastly, **no visitors are allowed on the day prior to a long weekend or holiday/vacation**. For example, no visitors will be allowed on the half day of Thanksgiving or the Friday prior to February vacation.

THE PROCESS SHOULD PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

- A student would seek permission from an **administrator several days in advance of the visit date**. The administrator would determine whether the visitor has school on that date and determine that the presence of a guest on that date is appropriate.
- The student would then need to **get written permission from all of his/her teachers** and return that written permission to the administrator. **The METCO Director must also sign-off that it's okay for the individual to ride the bus.**
- The **visitor would need to forward to us a note from his/her parents and his/her school, stating that they do not have school on that day and that they have permission to visit CCHS.**

Once all signatures are collected and returned to the administrator, the student has permission to bring a visitor to school.

ON THE DAY OF THE VISIT,

- The host student must **sign-in their visitor with Mrs. Hammer in the main office**. The visitor will receive a pass.
- The **visitor must remain with their host for the entire day**. If they are not in the presence of their host, they will be asked to leave.

We do have many visitors throughout the year. It is rare that we do not allow an individual to visit the school if they have followed the process outlined above. We hope that you will help us to insure a positive learning environment for our teachers and students.

Jessica Truslow, Assistant Principal

THE DISMISSAL PROCESS

PLEASE ASSIST US.....

During this past quarter we've had a number of students surprised when we told them that we do not accept dismissal notes from parents after the fact. We also do not accept parent sign-offs of unexcused absences on attendance reports for unexcused absences.

THIS IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP.

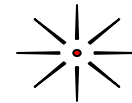
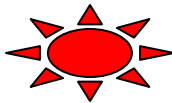
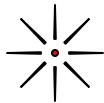
If your child needs to be dismissed from school, we must hear from you **BEFORE** he/she leaves school. We do all that we can to ensure that your child is safe from the time he/she steps onto school grounds until they leave. Once they are here, we have a "duty to care" for him/her. We take that responsibility very seriously. If we do not know where they are, certainly you can understand how this impinges upon our ability to know that they are safe. In addition to our legal responsibilities, your child cannot learn if they are not in the classroom.

Our dismissal process requires that a note or phone call is received in the office PRIOR to your child's dismissal. They should bring the note in the morning to Mrs. Hammer. If you call in the permission, your child must come to the main office prior to departure to check out with Mrs. Hammer. If you haven't called the office at that point, your son/daughter will contact you before he/she leaves the building.

After the appointment, your son/daughter must check back into the main office and receive a pass back to class. This process allows us to know that your child had permission to leave the building and that they have returned. Therefore, if we had a building emergency, we would know that he/she was safe.

Again, our utmost concern is your child's safety. Please assist us in that process with letting us know when your son/daughter will be out of the building prior to their departure.

Jessica Truslow, Assistant Principal



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.



COME TO THE SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES AND JOBS AND JOBS FAIR!!!

24th Annual Summer Opportunities Fair—January 31, 2005



Whether you are looking for a job, a camp, or an adventure this summer, the Summer Opportunities and Jobs Fair has something for you! The 24th Annual Summer Opportunities Fair will be held on January 31st from 5:30-8:30 pm 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, special needs programs, wilderness adventures, education and enrichment opportunities, sports camps, foreign language and student exchange programs, volunteer opportunities, and more. This year the fair is being expanded to provide summer employment and internship opportunities! Admission is free. Refreshments will be available. Snow date February 1st, 5:30-8:30 pm. Questions? Call Nancy Flaherty at 978-371-0549. Sponsored by the CCHS Parents' Association

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CONCORD/CARLISLE PRESENTS
A CONVERSATION WITH OUR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

The League of Women Voters of Concord/Carlisle (LWVCC) is sponsoring a public forum, “**A Conversation with our School Superintendents**”, Wednesday, January 12, 2005 at 7pm in the Corey Auditorium at the Carlisle Middle School.

The LWVCC will welcome superintendents William Callahan of Minuteman Regional High School, Marie Doyle of Carlisle Public Schools and Dr. Brenda Finn of Concord Public Schools and Concord Carlisle Regional School District at this evening event in Carlisle.

Please join members of the Concord and Carlisle communities for an evening discussion on the future of education in our towns. The LWVCC believes education for everyone is the bedrock of a good democracy. We need to ensure that the education we offer children in our community is strong and meets the needs of the children and the society in which they live.

Bring your questions, opinions and concerns and enter into the dialogue. Members of the Concord and Carlisle communities are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Look for League of Women Voters signs to direct you to the Carlisle School and Corey Auditorium on Church Street.

**TEEN SAFETY IS SPONSORING A FORUM
ON TEEN SUICIDE AND DEPRESSION**

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**SENIOR SAFARI
FIRST PLANNING MEETING IS ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2005**

If you are looking for a great committee to serve on, and a really wonderful event to contribute your time and effort to, we have the answer for you. *SENIOR SAFARI!* This is the all-night graduation party for Seniors, sponsored by the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior parents of CCHS, with the

support and guidance of many parents of Seniors. It is an elaborate production of decorations, activities, entertainment and food, centered around a jungle theme. We will continue the tradition, now in its 14th year, of giving our graduates a safe place to gather for a fun night of celebrating.

Attend the first planning meeting on Tuesday, January 11 at 7:30 pm in room A-7. Bring a friend. Meet the committee chairs. If interested but cannot attend call, Christine Corr 978-369-8479 or Kathy Hughes Morris 978-287-0154 or email us at our new email address CCHSSeniorsafari@aol.com.

**SUPPORT FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS
AVAILABLE THROUGH MINUTEMAN
SENIOR SERVICES**

Are you caring for an elder? Do you have an aging parent or spouse who is likely to need your help in the near future? You don't have to do this alone. Minuteman Senior Services is here to give you the tools and the support you need to care for your loved one without sacrificing your own physical and emotional health. Minuteman Senior Services, a non-profit agency, has been helping elders and their families in Concord, Carlisle, and 14 other communities for over 25 years. Experienced staff is available for a free in-home consultation to identify elder and caregiver needs. Information and referral is offered on topics such as housing options, adult day programs, transportation, and personal care assistance.

Training by specialists concerning daily living issues such as managing challenging behaviors and in-home safety is available. It also is possible to arrange temporary respite services to give the caregiver time off. These services are available at no charge through funding from the Administration on Aging and the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs. If you or someone you know could benefit from professional support in your role as a family caregiver, call Minuteman Senior Services at 781-272-7177.

Contact: Ruth L. Scheer, Coordinator
Family Caregiver Support Program
Minuteman Senior Services
24 Third Avenue, Burlington
617-972-5675

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION INFORMATION

THE SCHEDULE

The schedule for the week of January 24 (Exam Week) is printed on the reverse of this notice. Please study it carefully and share it with your parents.

ATTENDANCE

Everyone is expected to be in attendance for every block all week. Each day, except Friday, January 28 is a full day of school. Friday is a half-day. Regular attendance policies and procedures will apply.

LATE ARRIVAL

Students who arrive late (after 7:35 a.m.) must report to the main office to sign in and to be admitted to school for the day. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday students who are late must wait in the main office to be escorted to their exam room.

TRANSPORTATION

Buses will run at the regular morning times every day. The regular 2:10 bus will run every day except Friday. On Friday, buses will leave CCHS at 11:25 a.m. Late buses will run only on Monday and Tuesday, January 24 and January 25. There will be no late buses Wednesday, January 26 - Thursday, January 27 and Friday, January 28.

CAFETERIA SERVICES

Cafeteria services will be available each day. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, there will be only two lunch periods, and only sandwiches, snack foods and beverages will be sold for lunch. No lunch will be served on Friday.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The library will be open regular hours and all services will be available as they are during a regular school day.

CLASSES DURING EXAM BLOCKS

Some courses will have class instead of an exam during exam blocks. Teachers will inform students if this will be the case.

STUDY HALLS

Students who have a study hall or the second half of a science lab during one of the exam blocks must report to the cafeteria for a study hall. Please note, however, that study halls will meet in their regular locations during class blocks. Students may also use the library for study.

RELEASE OF STUDENTS FROM EXAM ROOMS

All students must remain in their exam rooms until the end of the examination period. Students may not be dismissed early from exams. Students should bring a book to read or work to do in the event they complete their exam before the end of the period. No students will be permitted to move through corridors, visit teachers, or go to their lockers during the examination sessions.

RETURN OF MATERIALS

Students who are taking semester courses should return all materials or pay for lost materials on the day of their exam.

REPORT CARDS

Grades close January 28. Reports cards will be issued in homeroom on February 11.

SECOND SEMESTER

Second semester begins Monday, January 31 with a homeroom at 7:35 to distribute second semester schedules.

WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF SCHOOL CANCELLATION

If school should be called off due to inclement weather, the schedule for exams will be moved up one day for each "snow day". Be sure to take all materials home at the beginning of the exam period to have all necessary materials for studying.

PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR EXAM SCHEDULE

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MID-YEAR EXAMS OR THE SCHEDULE,
PLEASE SEE MR. DULONG, DR. WEINSTEIN, OR MS. TRUSLOW.**

**MID-YEAR EXAM SCHEDULE
2004-2005**

Mon. Jan. 24	Tues. Jan 25	Wed. Jan 26	Thurs. Jan 27	Fri. Jan. 28
7:35 A- BLOCK 8:32	7:35 A- BLOCK EXAM	7:35 C – BLOCK EXAM	7:35 E – BLOCK EXAM	7:35 G – BLOCK EXAM
8:37 B- BLOCK	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20
9:33	15 Minute Break	15 Minute Break	15 Minute Break	10 Minute Break
9:38 G – BLOCK 10:34	9:35 B- BLOCK EXAM	9:35 D – BLOCK EXAM	9:35 F – BLOCK EXAM	9:30 H – BLOCK EXAM
10:39 D – BLOCK				
11:24	11:20	11:20	11:20	11:15
11:29 E-BLOCK	11:25 C – BLOCK & LUNCH	11:25 E – BLOCK & LUNCH	11:25 G- BLOCK & LUNCH	11:25 DISMISSAL
12:14	12:12	12:12	12:12	BUSES WILL DEPART CCHS AT 11:25 A.M.
12:19 F – BLOCK	C -BLOCK & LUNCH	E-BLOCK & LUNCH	G-BLOCK & LUNCH	
1:04	1:04	1:04	1:04	
1:09 H – Block	1:09 D – Block	1:09 F- Block	1:09 H- Block	
2:05	2:05	2:05	2:05	
		NO LATE BUSES	NO LATE BUSES	NO LATE BUSES

NOTES: If you have a study hall or the second half of a science lab period scheduled during an Exam Period, you should report to the cafeteria for a study. Bring study materials with you. **BUILDINGS H, A, AND GYM WILL EAT FIRST LUNCH.**
BUILDINGS S AND L WILL EAT SECOND LUNCH



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 diploma list is posted on the main office window.. See Mrs. Coleman to make any additions or deletions.

Happy New Year to All! We hope your holidays were merry, and not too filled with application related stress. Be of good cheer, if you aren't finished already, you soon will be. Then all we have to do is wait.

Reminder: If your son or daughter has not paid \$25 for his/her cap and gown, he/she needs to do so immediately. It would be a terrible shame if someone failed to graduate with the class for something so simple to take care of. The kids have been reminded repeatedly about this, but we all know what adolescents can be like. Note: the fact that you wrote a check does not necessarily mean the check made it to the office. If your check has not been cashed, you might want to call the office and make sure your little darling turned it in.

On a similar note - every year a few students fail to graduate because they don't have enough community service hours, they've lost a book and failed to pay for it, they have overdue library books, etc. Do not let your child be one of them. Have them check their community service hours now. There is still time to accumulate a few more if they need them. If some of their hours were not recorded, the time to fix it is now, not May. Emphasize to your children that notices about lost books, parking tickets, etc. need to be taken care of promptly, not left to marinate in the bottoms of their backpacks or on the floors of their cars. Ditto with attendance reports - if something needs to be corrected, do it immediately. May will be here before we know it.

If your child has a February 1 application due date, encourage him/her to get the release form in to Mrs. Tessari ASAP. Let's make her life as easy as possible.

We are planning a Parent Social for the end of January. We will send out an email with the date, time and place as soon as our plans are firm. College applications will mostly be behind us, and we can all celebrate a little and share war stories.

This spring is going to be very busy. As parents of Seniors we are responsible for a number of events. Just keep these dates in mind, and consider volunteering when the time comes;

May 8: Pancake Breakfast

May 20: Teacher appreciation luncheon

May 25: Senior Bar-B-Que

June 4: Graduation and Senior Safari - Senior parents traditionally do clean-up.

Have a good month. Get in touch with one of us if you have any questions.

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CLASS 2006

The Parent Wine & Cheese Social scheduled for January 28th has been postponed until the spring. So little news must be good news. Happy New Year!

CLASS OF 2007

Happy New Year to all – lots going on around the school and within the class of 2007. Hope you can stay plugged in as time allows. Here are a few dates to remember for class activities in January and early February. Details will follow on all events.

Saturday, January 22: Battle of the Bands – all school event at CCHS; Saturday, January 29 – Class of 2007 Tubing Night at Neshoba. Last year the 30+ students who participated had a great night of tubing. Cold night, plenty of snow, and hot chocolate made for a lot of fun. Announcements will be posted on Class bulletin boards. Encourage your student to look for news.

Sunday, January 30 – Parents social at the home of Steve and Diane Payne – details on time and assistance will follow. Saturday, February 5: Trivia Contest Night at CCHS – sponsored by Class of 2007. Last year, the first ever event proved enormously enjoyable for all in attendance. Consider forming a team or signing on with a group that already exists.

As always, your involvement makes these events possible. Please keep your eyes open for news after the New Year about planning for the Sophomore Semiformal, scheduled for the evening of May 7. We look forward to including a strong team of volunteers for this event.

Jan McGinn

CLASS OF 2008

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH



January Calendar



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| <p>3. Classes Resume
Principals Coffee 8:3 am Room A-7
Musical Rehearsal Begins
Chorus Fundraiser
Amnesty Bake Sale</p> <p>4. Girls Bball</p> <p>5. MMEA ND Sr District Rehearsal</p> <p>6. Pit Orchestra Rehearsal
CC Pops Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>7. Homeroom Attendance Reports
MMEA ND Sr District Rehearsal
Boys Bball</p> <p>8. MMEA ND Sr District Rehearsal</p> <p>10. Jr State Bake Sale
ARB Meeting 2:30</p> <p>11. February Newsletter Deadline
Chorus/Orchestra Concert 7:30 pm
Private School 8th Grade Visit
Senior Safari Meeting 7:30 Room A-7</p> <p>12. Sanborn 8th Grade Visit
Chorus/Orchestra Rehearsal 7:30 pm
Senior Project Info Night 7:30 pm Lib</p> <p>13. Peabody 8th Grade Visit
Pit Orchestra Rehearsal</p> <p>14. Homeroom
Carlisle 8th Grade Visit
Set Build for Musical</p> <p>17. Martin Luther King NO SCHOOL</p> <p>18. Girls Bball</p> | <p>20. Pit Orchestra Rehearsal
9th Grade Human Sexuality Mtg. 7:00 pm LT</p> <p>21. Homeroom Attendance Reports
Battle of the Bands Setup
Boys Bball</p> <p>22. SAT 1 & 2
Battle of the Bands 6:30 to 10:30
MMEA ND Jr. District
ARB Meeting 2:30 pm</p> <p>24. ARB Meeting 2:30 pm</p> <p>25. Mid-Year Exams
Boys Bball</p> <p>26. Mid-Year Exams</p> <p>27. Pit Orchestra Rehearsal
Mid-Year Exams</p> <p>28. Mid-Year Exams
Qtr 2/Semester 1 Ends
Girls Bball
'06 Ski Trip</p> <p>29. MMEA All State Auditions
'07 Tubing Event 4-8 pm</p> <p>30. Sophomore Parent Social</p> <p>31. Qtr 3/Semester 2 Begins
Homeroom/Schedules
3rd Wing Bake Sale All Week
'08 Food Concession
Summer Opportunities Fair 5:30 to 7:30</p> |
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Junior PSP Handbook

All junior families will be receiving by mail a guidance publication entitled **Information for Post-Secondary Planning** by the end of January. This handbook was developed to help juniors and their parents plan for post-secondary education and other options and can be used in conjunction with the Guidance Web Site at www.colonial.net/guidance. The publication should be *saved* as it is a valuable resource to use through senior year.

Financial Aid Information

ALL seniors interested in financial aid will need to complete the **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**, which is a cost free form. The **FAFSA** should be submitted as soon as possible after January 1, 2005. If necessary, parents can use estimated figures and verify them late with tax forms. *Many* seniors will complete the **Financial Aid PROFILE** form. The list of colleges requiring the **PROFILE** is in the registration material. A photocopy of all information should be made. Both forms are available in the Guidance Resource Center.

Students can pick up the local scholarship forms from the CCHS Records Office or download them from cchsscholarshipfund.org/. Students who wish to apply to the **Concord-Carlisle Scholarship Fund** need to submit an application form *plus* list the code number **0161** on the **PROFILE** registration. Any CCHS student can apply to this fund. Carlisle students wishing to apply to the **Caroline Hill Fund** need to list the code number **0520** on the **PROFILE** as well.

Loans for College

Listed below are major educational loan programs for undergraduates. If a family anticipates significant financial need, they may qualify for a federal loan such as the Perkins and Stafford. Both of these programs require that a **FAFSA** form be submitted early in January. Many families will not qualify for a Perkins or Stafford loans because their expected family contribution will be above the cutoff, but there are still many other loans available.

State Loans

MEFA Loan: Families of students studying at participating Massachusetts colleges and universities may be eligible for MEFA Loans, one of the lowest cost college loans in the United States. 1-800-449-6332. Web site: www.mefa.org

MEFA for Out-of-State Education: 1-800-449-6332, web site: www.mefa.org

No Interest Loan (NIL): NIL loans are for student borrowers with demonstrated financial need who are enrolled at a participating college. 617-727-9420

Federal Loans

Stafford and Perkins Loan: These require that a family demonstrate significant need and that a FAFSA be submitted to determine eligibility

PLUS Loan: These are variable rate loans to parents. Call American Student Assistance at 1-800-999-9080. File the loan application several weeks before funds are needed.

Internship Program

The second semester CCHS Internship Program is getting started for all interested juniors and seniors. Seminar meetings will begin on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 during the lunch blocks. All students who would like more information or would like to join the program, need to see Ms. Furey in the guidance office prior to that day. We will discuss the program requirements and discuss a field of interest and placement at that time.

**Metco Financial Aid Meeting
for CCHS
Seniors & Their Parents**

Wednesday, February 2, 2005
40 Dimock Street
Boston
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Rain Date

Wednesday, February 9, 2005
40 Dimock Street
Boston
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

