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News

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable April Break and that you and your students have returned rested and ready for the rest of the year. CCHS students journeyed to destinations all around the globe and there are many great stories to hear about their adventures. Spring is finally here and the days are longer but there is so much to do that the days will fly by as we reach the conclusion of this school year.

The final regular PA Meeting for this year will be held on Monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. We will be voting on the new slate of officers and approving the preliminary PA budget for 05-06 at that time. Directly after this very brief meeting the PA and Concord Carlisle Parent Initiative (CCPI) are sponsoring a very timely and important forum that we hope many parents will be able to attend. At 7:15 we will begin the panel discussion on "Teen Drinking - What Every Parent Needs to Know." The panel includes an attorney, an emergency department physician, a therapist, a police officer, Principal Art Dulong and a parent of recent CCHS graduates. Teen drinking continues to be a concern both in our community and across the nation and, as parents, we need to be informed about the issue and work together to keep our teens safe - particularly as we enter the prom and graduation season. Please try to be a part of this discussion by attending the forum. Thanks to CCPI, the Alliance for Teen Safety and all the panelists for their assistance in putting this forum together.

The PA would like to again thank everyone who has contributed to the Direct Appeal Campaign. Because of your generosity we have received donations which total approximately \$29,000 and have been able to award grants in excess of \$25,000 so far this Spring. The grants we approved this Spring were as follows:

- A locking cabinet to secure digital imaging equipment used by the Art Department.
- Ten additional cameras for use by photography students (to supplement and replace old and intensely used equipment).
- Eleven Photography reference books to be located in the Art Department for use by photography students.
- A Raku firing kiln for use by ceramics students. This kiln will make it possible for many more ceramics students to try this ancient Japanese technique.
- Additional equipment to complete the physics labs including various measurement instruments which connect to computers. This equipment will enable all physics classes to do experiments during the same blocks.
- A Neotek 3D Virtual Reality system including dedicated notebook computers and special viewing glasses with a CD library that will allow students to view 3D images of human anatomy and earth science simulations.
- A portable multimedia projector system for use by the Social Studies Department as well as an additional Activ Board to be placed in a Social studies classroom.
- A ropes course program for students in the challenge program.
- After funding these grants the Grants Committee voted to use the remaining funds to purchase two additional Activ Boards to be placed in CCHS classrooms as deemed appropriate by Principal Art Dulong.

All of these grants have a direct and positive impact on our students and programs. Thanks again to Paula von Kleydorff and the entire Grants Committee for their diligent work.

Special thanks to Karen Sabatino for coordinating the Direct Appeal Campaign. It is not too late to donate - no contribution is too small (or too large) and the Grants Committee will put any additional funds that come in to good use. Karen set a goal of \$35,000 and we are getting closer to that goal every time a contribution is made. Checks should be made payable to "CCHS PA" and sent to Karen at 70 Alford Circle, Concord MA 01742. Thanks again to the hundreds of families who have already given to this campaign.

At the end of April, Concord Town Meeting passed the school budgets (K-8 and CCHS) and the school articles regarding capital projects. If you are not yet registered to vote you should register right away in order to be eligible to vote in any override elections that follow Town Meeting.

Senior Safari plans are being finalized under the leadership of co-chairs Christine Corr and Kathy Hughes-Morris along with their entire committee. Please consider volunteering to help with putting up the decorations, serving food, chaperoning and various other tasks. Parents of 9th, 10th and 11th grade students are needed to help with everything including chaperoning and food service on the night (June 4th) and senior parents are welcome to help with planning, setup and cleanup but do not attend the event. In order to keep this tradition alive we need more parents of younger students to get involved so that they will be able to run it in future years. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Christine (978-369-8479) or Kathy (978-287-0154).

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

Don't forget the final Principal's coffee for this year which will be held on May 2nd at 8:30 a.m. in A-7. As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns that the PA can address.

Diane Payne, PA President – 978-287-5031



NOTES FROM ART DULONG

As I write this in mid-April it seems unreal that we are closing in on the end of another year. But I know we are because the planning topics are graduation, awards ceremonies, and next year’s schedule.

I want to take this opportunity to thank to the senior class and their parents. This group of students has been wonderful. This class consistently has provided leadership and modeled good citizenship. This class has an extraordinary academic record. Additionally, they are one of the most talented groups I have seen. Whether it is on the stage, in the athletic arena, in the meaningful fulfillment of community service, or simply the way they conduct themselves in their day-to-day interactions at CCHS, the Class of 2005 has set a high standard for others to follow. At this time, I have only anecdotal evidence from the counselors that they have done well in the ever more unpredictable college chase. While I hope they all find a college or other pursuit that pleases them, I hope you and they know that their worth as students and contributors to CCHS extends far beyond that. You can probably tell I like this group, and not just because they and I have spent four years together. Best wishes to all as we approach the end of the high school experience.

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

I need to explain this years scheduling process to the underclass. I am sure everyone is aware that there are the usual budget discussions ongoing. This year there is a difference in that the budget discussions and the ultimate vote may have a positive impact on staffing at the high school. Staff additions may mean new options become available very late in the scheduling process. Students have already selected courses, and in most cases also indicated a second choice. We are beginning to put together the master schedule. Despite the progress, if the town passes the override request, we will be presenting students with a few more opportunities for electives. Stay tuned. It is bound to be confusing.

I have one last, but very important, comment. Every year as we end the school year students and/or families find that the final exam period conflicts with certain summer opportunities. The later we end the year the more conflicts there are. The result is that people frequently request that they take finals early. The school policy on this is clear. No final exams are given before the final exam period, this year beginning with June 20. If a student absolutely cannot be in school during these days then they should first present me with a note explaining the issue. Assuming the reasons are legitimate, I will give the teachers permission “to seek a mutually agreeable time within the final exam period” in which to schedule the exam. If the problem is that the student will not be here at all or no mutually agreeable time can be reached then the final exam is taken during the summer. Again, I have to emphasize that school policy specifies that no final exams be given prior to the exam period.

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

CCHS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Among the mandates contained in the educational reform legislation is a requirement that all schools have a council to serve in an advisory capacity to the principal. Each council is to assist the principal in adopting educational goals for the school; identifying the educational needs of students attending the school; reviewing the annual school budget; and formulating a school improvement plan.

At the Concord Public Schools and Concord-Carlisle Regional School District each school advisory council will consist of at least nine members and should be broadly representative of the racial, ethnic, and role diversity of the school and the community. At CCHS, Council members include: the school principal who serves as one of two co-chairs; four teachers at the school; five parents of students attending the school; one member of the junior class and one member of the senior class for the Concord-Carlisle High School; and other persons, not parents or teachers of students at the school, drawn from such groups or entities as municipal government, business and labor organizations, institutions of high education, human service agencies, building support staff or other interested groups.

CURRENT PARENT MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL AND THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE ARE:

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| Maureen Tarca - 2005 | Jennifer Hart – 2005 | Jane Turner Michael – 2006 |
| Ray Ferrara – 2006 | Robert E. Stone - 2006 | |

We need to elect two parents to a serve two-year term. Please fill out the nomination sheet below and send it to Louisa Coleman at CCHS – 500 Walden Street – Concord, MA 01742

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING PERSON FOR THE CCHS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone # _____

I have spoken with the nominee and he/she has consented to the nomination.



AP EXAMS

During the weeks of May 2nd through May 13th, students who have registered for Advanced Placement Exams will sit for these exams. All AP Exams for CCHS students are administered at CCHS under the supervision of Ms. Fenton. This year we will administer 243 exams. Parents who have questions about these tests should call Ms. Fenton at 978-341-2490 x7109.



MCAS TESTS TO BE ADMINISTERED MAY 17TH THROUGH MAY 27TH

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

The first test session was administered in April, during which time students took the long composition portion of the test. The remainder of the testing will take place between May 17th and May 27th.

The daily schedule for all students will change due to the May testing dates. Blocks will rotate differently from the regular pattern, so it will be important for everyone to check the day's schedule each morning.

It is very important that all sophomores be present each day of the testing so that they will not need to take the English or math test as juniors. While there will be some time available for makeup for those who are ill for a day, we urge everyone to be present May 17 through May 27 to avoid having to reschedule testing. Students will have sufficient time to complete each exam.



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.



OPENING DAY FOR 2005-2006

Freshmen Orientation will be on September 6, 2005

Freshmen and Upperclassmen will report on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 to begin classes

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

SENIOR PROJECT FAIR

Join us for the Senior Project Fair on May 18 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the CCHS Library. Come and learn about the interesting projects our seniors have undertaken for second semester.

GREELEY FOUNDATION CONCERT

The Greeley Foundation, based in Concord, is presenting a concert by the **ZUMIX ENSEMBLES**, a group of inner city musicians from East Boston that is astonishingly accomplished and wonderful. It will take place on May 13th at CCHS. Also featured in the concert is **CCHS's own fantastic percussion ensemble, SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS.**

Joyce Mannis, for The Greeley Foundation

Send newsletter articles to icoleman@colonial.net

SPED PAC BUSINESS MEETING MAY 17:

The SPED PAC will be holding its last business meeting of the year, on Tuesday, May 17th from 9:30-11:00 am, in the Ripley Building, conference room 2. The two main topics will be voting on our by-law updates, which will be emailed to members and posted on our website for review before the meeting (www.concordspedpac.org <<http://www.concordspedpac.org>>), as well as voting for PAC offices. Please come and have input into your organization! For more information about our PAC, go to our website.

Stephanie Cloutier



2005 FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Monday, June 20

7:35 to 9:15 a.m. H -Block Exam
 9:25 to 11:05 a.m. G -Block Exam
 11:15 a.m. Dismissal

Wednesday, June 22

7:35 to 9:15 a.m. D -Block Exam
 9:25. to 11:05 a.m. C -Block Exam
 11:15 a.m. Dismissal

Tuesday, June 21

7:35 to 9:15 a.m. F -Block Exam
 9:25 to 11:05 a.m. E -Block Exam
 11:15 a.m. Dismissal

Thursday, June 23

7:35 to 9:15 a.m. B -Block Exam
 9:25 to 11:05 a.m. A -Block Exam
 11:15 a.m. Dismissal

2005 FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

THE SCHEDULE – Final exams begin June 20. Please refer to the schedule above. Exams will be administered in reverse order (H, G, F, E, D, C, B, and A) with two exams being given each exam day. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will be half days. Buses will leave immediately following the second exam. There are no late buses. **ATTENDANCE** – Students are required to be present only during those periods when they have an exam. The library will open for students who wish to use a free period to study. Students who arrive late must report to the office and wait for an escort to their exam. No additional time will be given to students who are late. **TRANSPORTATION** – Buses will pick up students at the regular time each morning. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday buses will leave immediately following the second exam no later than 11:15. There are no late buses. **CAFETERIA SERVICES** – Lunch service will be available through Friday, June 17. Only the snack machines will be available after that time. **LIBRARY SERVICES** – All library books must be returned by June 13th. **STUDENTS NOT SCHEDULED FOR EXAMINATIONS** – The cafeteria and its adjacent courtyard may be used for studying. All other areas of the school and school grounds (except the library) will be off limits during the examinations. Students will not be permitted to go to lockers while exams are in session. **DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS FROM EXAM ROOMS** – All students are to remain in their exam rooms until the end of the examination period. Students will not be dismissed early. Students should bring a book to read or work to do in the event that they complete their exam before the end of the period. No student will be permitted to move through corridors, visit teachers, or go to lockers during the examination sessions. **LOCKERS** – Gym lockers must be cleaned out by the end of the day on June 16. Anything left in gym lockers as of 3:00 p.m. on June 16 will be discarded. Regular school lockers must be emptied of everything except needed books by June 23. Waste papers and other materials to be discarded are to be placed in a barrel or wastebasket. Littering will result in disciplinary action. **RETURN OF MATERIALS** – Students should return all materials by the day of their exam FOR EACH COURSE. Payment for lost materials should be made at that time also. **REPORT CARDS** – Grades close June 23. Report cards will be mailed in July.

- Please be sure to arrive **ON TIME FOR ALL EXAMS**.
- Students who **ARRIVE LATE MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE** and wait for an **ESCORT** to go to the exam rooms.
- Students who are **LATE WILL NOT BE GIVEN ADDITIONAL TIME FOR THEIR EXAMS**.

CROSBY'S MARKET COUPON PROGRAM

Crosby's Market is once again supporting Senior Safari by raising funds for purchasing food and supplies through their coupon program. Please use the coupons below and help Senior Safari.

Crosby's Community Commitment Voucher

Today's Date: _____

Senior Safari – Concord Carlisle H.S.

Shopping Week: May 1st – May 20th

Customer Signature _____

Are you a regular Crosby's Shopper? Yes No

Cashier Signature _____

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CLASS 2005 – SENIORS

GRADUATION IS SATURDAY, JUNE 4 AT 2:00 P.M.

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

Notice: Cumulative files will be available for pickup along with your cap and gown.
Files not picked up will be held for 5 years and then disposed of.

SENIOR INFORMATION

COURSE OBLIGATIONS – All outstanding course work (including community service work) must be completed by May 27, 2005. Please note that only students who have completed and passed all course and distribution requirements by that date will be eligible to participate in the June 4th graduation ceremony. If you are in doubt as to your academic record, please check with your guidance counselor now.

MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT OBLIGATIONS – All materials and equipment loaned to you by the school must be returned to the appropriate teacher, coach, or advisor no later than May 27, 2005. Please return all library books to the library. Locker locks issued to you by the school must be returned to Mrs. Trainor in the main office. Seniors should be checking the materials list posted on the window of the main office and see Mrs. Trainor to take care of these obligations. All outstanding obligations must be settled by May 27, 2005 at the very latest. You will not be able to pick up your cap and gown without taking care of the above obligations.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR – All seniors please see Mrs. Tessari in the Registrar's Office prior to May 27th concerning your plans for next year. This information is needed to develop a profile for your class. No student names are used in the profile.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2005 - LAST DAY FOR SENIORS

All seniors should report to the auditorium at 7:35 a.m. for graduation rehearsal. Immediately following rehearsal seniors will proceed to the gym for the senior assembly. Following the assembly, seniors will proceed to the senior BBQ.

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2005 - GRADUATION REHEARSAL. All seniors should report to the auditorium at 9:45 a.m. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and should run approximately one and one half hours. Immediately after rehearsal seniors will pick up their Cap & Gown and School Records. Please park your car in the student parking lot. Remember, you cannot participate in graduation without a cap and gown. Senior Prom is scheduled for tonight at the Marriott Long Wharf in Boston.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2004 - GRADUATION DAY! All students should arrive at the high school no later than 1:15 p.m. to prepare for the processional to the field. All seniors should gather in the lower gym.

ATTIRE AND CONDUCT AT GRADUATION

ATTIRE - All students eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony and who choose to participate will wear a cap and gown (the gown is worn closed) under which shall be appropriate attire such as: dress or a blouse and skirt – dress sandals or shoes (white, if possible) for women. A shirt, slacks or trousers, shoes and socks for men. Jeans, shorts, beach thongs, sneakers, and bare feet are not appropriate for the graduation ceremony. Any student who has a question concerning the guidelines or who is experiencing difficulty in meeting these guidelines should see his/her class advisor at least one week prior to the date of the graduation ceremony. The advisor will clarify any questions and provide assistance to those who are experiencing difficulty in meeting the guidelines.

The class advisors and their faculty assistants will be responsible to ensure that all students participating in the graduation ceremony are dressed appropriately according to these guidelines. Any student who is found by the class advisor(s) to be flagrantly disregarding the guidelines after having been given an opportunity to explain his/her side of the story to the class advisor and to correct the identified problem prior to leaving the school for the field, will not be allowed the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony. Once on the field for the ceremony, a student found to have altered his/her attire, so as to no longer be following the guidelines, (such as having removed his/her shoes) will be given the opportunity to correct the situation so that he/she may proceed to the podium to receive his/her diploma. If a student so found does not correct the situation, his/her name will not be read for reception of a diploma. Any student who is denied the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony, or whose name is not read for the reason noted above, will receive his/her diploma at a time other than that of the graduation ceremony, such time to be specified by the school principal. **CONDUCT** - The school rules and regulations as clarified in the statement School Rules and Regulations with Respect to Senior Week Activities will be in effect. Any student who has been reported to have engaged in any of the behaviors as outlined in this statement will be given the opportunity to present his/her side of the story to the school principal or his designee. The school principal or his designee will determine if the student is to be denied the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony. This decision and the reasons for it will be communicated in writing to the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s). Any

student who is denied the privilege of participation in the graduation ceremony for behavior reasons will receive his/her diploma at a time other than the graduation ceremony, that time to be specified to the student by the school principal.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

The **YEARBOOK DEDICATION** ceremony is currently anticipated to take place in the library at 2:15 p.m. on May 24th. The 2005 Yearbook will be available for distribution to **SENIORS ONLY** at the Pancake Breakfast anticipated on May 25th in the cafeteria at 6:30 a.m. or after school beginning at 2:30 p.m.

INVITATIONS to graduation will be available on May 3rd from Mrs. Tessari in the transcript office. Five invitations will be reserved for each graduate through May 24th. After May 24th, graduates may request additional invitations, from Mrs. Coleman and requests will be honored on a first-come-first-served basis as long as the supply lasts. Please note that you may invite as many people as you wish to graduation. They do not need an engraved invitation to enter the field. You will receive rain tickets with your cap and gown. Rain Tickets will be limited, and if they are lost, they cannot be replaced.

CAP AND GOWNS will be distributed May 31st to those who ordered them. Without a cap and gown a student **WILL NOT** be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. The cap and gown are yours to keep.

GRADUATION will begin at 2:00 p.m. on June 4, and will be held **RAIN OR SHINE**. The ceremony should last about one hour and a half, including the reception following in the lower gym area. The after graduation all-night celebration "**SENIOR SAFARI**" will begin at 9:30 p.m. Please watch for more information from the planning committee and plan to come.

RESERVED SEATING will be provided **ONLY** for Senior Citizens and Handicapped persons who are **UNABLE** to use the grandstands. It will be necessary to reserve seating in advance so that we may provide sufficient chairs in front of the grandstands. If you wish to reserve seating please call Mrs. Coleman at the school (978-341-2490 x7101) no later than June 2nd. Only participants in the graduation ceremony are to be on the football field. If graduation is held indoors, there will be no reserved seating section.

GRADUATES SHOULD REPORT TO THE LOWER GYM BY 1:15 P.M. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4 TO LINE UP FOR GRADUATION. Please **DO NOT** bring a purses, cameras, sweaters, etc. since there is no place to store them.

A **RECEPTION sponsored by the Class of 2006** for graduates, family and friends will be held in the lower gym parking lot (inside in the lower gym if it rains) immediately following the graduation ceremony.

A **PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER** who has been engaged specifically for graduation will take photographs of all seniors as you receive your diploma. There is no obligation to purchase this picture. If you wish to take advantage of the photo offer from the photographer, you should follow the directions in the materials that will be sent to you under a separate cover. A video broadcast of graduation will be done by Cablevision. Please remind your family and friends that we ask that **THEY REMAIN IN THEIR SEATS** rather than come to the field to take pictures when diplomas are awarded. The only photographers on the field will be the press, the professional photographer (**who will take your individual picture**) and the camera operators from Cablevision.

Class 2005 News

The end is clearly in sight for all our seniors. The decisions about college have been made; they're playing their last games, acting in the final play, performing in the last concert, getting ready to say good-bye to the High School. They are champing at the bit, ready to move on to the next stage. Whether all of us are completely ready to have them move on is an open question. I think a lot of us have very mixed feelings.

On a more prosaic note: Make sure your child has checked the unreturned items list outside Mr. Dulong's office, paid any unpaid parking tickets, transcript fees, etc. and cleared up any problems with attendance reports.

There are a lot of special events planned for the end of this month. If you have been waiting for the ideal time to help with an event at the school - here's your chance! Here is the schedule for senior week and graduation:

Friday, May 20: Faculty Appreciation Lunch. *Parents needed!* If you can help, please contact one of us. Our email addresses are at the bottom of the page.

Tuesday, May 24th: Yearbook Dedication at 2:30 in the library

Wednesday, May 25th: Senior Pancake Breakfast at 6:45 in the cafeteria. *Parent help wanted!!* We need 8 volunteers to work from 6:30 until 9:00. If you can help, please email or call Lee Bagley at LBagelyConcord@aol.com or 371-7041

Friday, May 27th: *Last day of school* for seniors! Graduation rehearsal at 7:35. Following the senior assembly, seniors will head to the BBQ. *If you can help with the BBQ, please* contact Mary Ellis at 371-7311 or Mary@fiducitie.com or Janice Battle at Beyondgarden@aol.com or 369-4996

Monday, May 30th: Pawtucket Red Sox Trip. Seniors should arrive at the High School at 2:45 and park in the student parking lot. Game time is 6:00. Tickets are \$10.00.

Tuesday, May 31: Graduation Rehearsal at 9:45. **Senior Prom** at the Marriot Long Wharf 6:00 -11:00. The doors will close at 8:00. Tickets will be on sale during lunch blocks through Friday, May 20.

Thursday, June 2: Trip to Six Flags. The bus will leave at 8:45 and arrive back at CCHS at 5:00. Sign-up to reserve a seat on the bus by Friday, May 20. The bus is free; the students themselves pay for admission.

Saturday, June 4: Graduation!! They finally made it!

We will be sending out a mailing with more detail about all these activities in a week or two. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us.

Lee Bagley, LbagelyConcord@aol.com; Bev Castrichini, Castrichini6@aol.com;
Margaret Coughlin, imsmac@comcast.net; Karen Ippolito, kmippolito@comcast.net.



SENIOR SAFARI – INFORMATION FOR SENIOR PARENTS

SENIOR SAFARI 2005 - Sign up now to work on Senior Safari by sending an email to cchsseniorsafari@aol.com. Set up, decorate, chaperone, serve food and drinks, takedown – it's all fun. Details and more specifically directed email addresses are listed below.

CROSBY'S MARKET COUPON PROGRAM - Crosby's Market is once again supporting Senior Safari by offering their coupon program for 3 weeks, from May 1 to May 21. The coupons are included in this newsletter to print out a present to the cashiers at Crosby's when you do your shopping. Make several copies to share with neighbors and friends.

SENIOR SAFARI SHIFTS - Since graduation is always such a busy time for families with seniors, we really look for parents of the lower grades to volunteer to help with Senior Safari. Send an email to Lisa Philippou at seniorsafari@yahoo.com to sign up to work one of the following shifts. Senior parents are welcome to sign up as well, but do not chaperone during the event.

Send an email to Lisa Philippou at seniorsafari@yahoo.com to sign up to work one of the following shifts.

Friday, June 3 rd	9 am – 12 pm	Move decorations to CCHS
	2 pm – 5 pm	Set up.
	5 pm – 8 pm	Set up.
Saturday, June 4 th	9 am – 12 pm	Finish decorating
	12 pm – 2 pm	Guard duty during graduation
	2 pm – 4 pm	Guard duty
	9:15 pm – 1:15 am	Chaperone
Sunday, June 5 th	1:00 am – 5 am	Chaperone

FOOD COMMITTEE - HELP LAURIE - Laurie Cadigan would love to hear from you if you would like to assist with preparations well in advance – perfect opportunity for parents of seniors who want to help but will be too busy during graduation. She is also looking for parents of underclassmen to help with the food during Senior Safari, 9:15 pm – 12:15 am, and 12 am – 2:30 am or 2:30 – 5:00 am. Email - Laurie@RealEstateInMA.com.

PARENTS OF SENIORS – TAKE DOWN AND STORAGE - By 5 am on Sunday the kids are heading home, and take down and storage efforts get underway. We need Senior parents to sign up to help with this effort. Last year there were so many volunteers to clean up that it wasn't too long before most of the work had been completed and the truck was on its way to our storage facility with all the decorations and props, to be safely stowed for the seniors of 2006 to enjoy. The plan is to work in shifts and be done by noon. Email Priscilla Sturges at PWSturges@comcast.net to help with this.

SENIORS AND PARENTS! - Send your ticket order (\$20) in right away if you have not already done so (CCHS Senior Safari, 66 Raymond Road, Concord). After May 30 the cost will go up to \$25. And please consider making a generous donation to help support the cost of this event. Also, don't forget to send senior baby photos to Barbara Lewis, 282 East Riding Drive, Carlisle, MA 01741, or drop them off with Martha Hammer. They will be posted soon after the students return following April vacation, and then every week or so until the last week for seniors.

- If you have questions, email Christine Corr and Kathy Hughes Morris at cchsseniorsafari@aol.com.
- Last planning meeting – Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 – 9, Room A-7.
- To support the Senior Safari financially, send a check made out to “CCHS Graduation Party”, to CCHS Senior Safari, 66 Raymond Road, Concord.

Crosby's Community Commitment Voucher

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CLASS 2006

Here is our calendar for the next few weeks. Lots of opportunity to get involved, have fun, and even raise a bit of \$!

APRIL 25, 26, 27 – REFRESHMENT SALES AT TOWN MEETING.

APRIL 29 FRIDAY – CC UNPLUGGED. SEE INFO ELSEWHERE IN NEWSLETTER.

MAY 13, FRIDAY – JUNIOR PROM. AT NEWTON MARRIOTT.

Reception at the school 5:30 to 6:30, then board the buses to the hotel. You MUST ride the buses to and from the prom. Prom is from 7 to 11. Tickets, \$45 per person, on sale all week May 2 to May 6 during all lunch blocks. Checks payable to "CCHS Class of 2006". You must have payment with you to get tickets and reserve your seats at a table.

MAY 28 SATURDAY – CAR WASH AT CROSBY'S. JOIN THE CAR WASH, COME GET YOUR CAR WASHED.

JUNE 4TH, GRADUATION SATURDAY – GRADUATION RECEPTION.

The Junior class is hosting the new graduates and their guests to a beautiful reception following the ceremony. Chairman Mary Ann Gorman would love to hear from you, GormanMAnn@aol.com if you would like to help out with organizing, set up, serving, clean-up.

The date of our class's graduation in 2006 is scheduled to be Saturday, June 10, 2006

CLASS 2007

Lots of events planned for Class of 2007 during the month of May. Keep your eyes and ears open for information.

- **Saturday, May 7 – 7:30 to 10:30 – Sophomore Semiformal** – CCHS Cafeteria. A full team of parents and students, under the leadership of Sarah Myers and Laura Fadden, are planning a wonderful evening. Watch for details and give either Sarah or Laura a call to offer your assistance – with decorating, organizing photographs, supplying food, and otherwise contributing to a successful evening.
- **Friday, May 13 – 5:00 – Class of 2007 Sponsored Reception for Junior Class Prior to the Junior Prom.** Each year the sophomore class sponsors a reception for members of the junior class and their parents to kick-off the Junior Prom. We'll need help with decorating, organizing refreshments, and coordination. Watch for email details and lend a hand!
- **Saturday, May 21 – 9:00 – 12:00 – Class of 2007 car wash at Crosby's parking lot.**

CLASS 2008

NO NEWS THIS MONTH

CLASS 2009 – 8TH GRADE

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

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

MAY CALENDAR (subject to change)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free 2. Principals Coffee
AP Exams Begin 3. AP Exams 4. AP Exams 5. AP Exams
CCPops Meeting 7pm – Lib. 6. AP Exams
Homeroom 7. Possible MICCA Festival
SAT
'08 Six Flags
Sophomore Semi Formal 8. Possible MICCA Festival at Tanglewood 9. Attendance Review Board Meeting 2:30pm
Parents' Association Meeting
AP Exams 10. AP Exams
Newsletter Deadline 11. AP Exams 12. MCAS ELA Make-up
AP Exams 13. Junior Prom
Homeroom / Attendance Reports
AP Exams End 14. Free 15. Possible MICCA at Tanglewood 16. Junior/Senior Awards Night – 7pm
Campus Beautification Begins | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Outing Club Bake Sale all week 17. MCAS Exams Begin 18. Chorus Rehearsal 6:30-8:30pm
School Advisory Council Meeting – 7pm
MCAS Exam
Anticipated Senior Pancake Breakfast
Senior Project Fair 19. MCAS
Chorus Pops Concert – 7:30pm 20. Band/Orchestra Pops Concert – 7:30pm
Homeroom 21. '07 Car Wash 22. Free 23. Attendance Review Board Meeting – 2:30pm
MCAS
'06 Bake Sale all week 24. MCAS 25. Calendar Meeting
MCAS 26. MCAS 27. MCAS ends
Senior Last Day/ Senior BBQ/Graduation
Rehearsal/Senior Assembly 28. '06 Car Wash 29. Free 30. Memorial Day – No School 31. Senior Prom
Graduation Rehearsal/Cap and Gown Distribution |
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PREVENTING SUBSTANCE USE IN A SEASON OF CELEBRATION

As spring becomes more apparent in the weeks ahead, so too will the excitement of the end of school. Whether your child is moving on to middle school or college, parties will mark the occasion, and now is a good time to think about keeping those passages safe.

The Concord Carlisle Parent Initiative (CCPI) will be sponsoring two important programs in May. On May 9 from 7:15-9:30 at the CCHS auditorium, in collaboration with the CCHS Parents Association, we will present Teen Drinking in Concord and Carlisle - What Every Parent Should Know, for those with children in 8th grade and above. For the parents of fifth graders and middle scholars, we will present Tools for Preventing and Postponing First Use, a panel presentation, on May 19th from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Peabody Forum. Both of these talks will provide a realistic view of the current climate of substance abuse in our community, and will assist parents in their response to these issues.

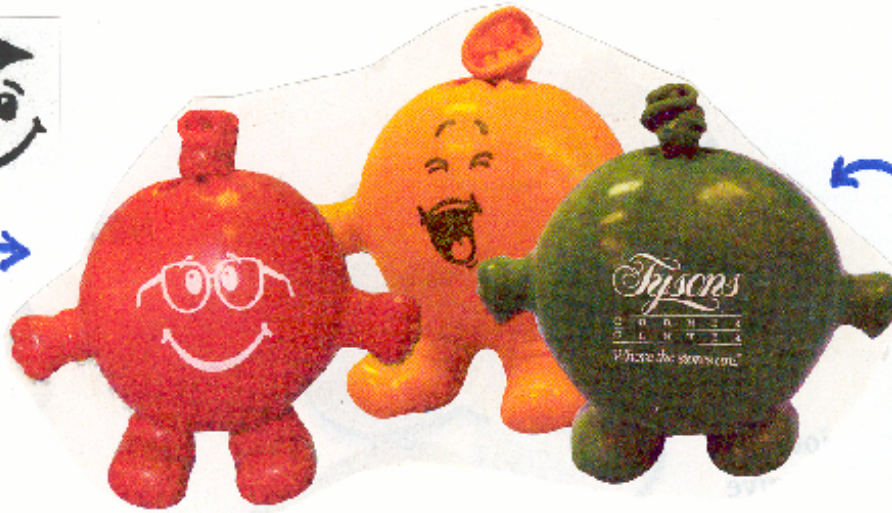
To help prepare for conversations with your children about alcohol and/or other drugs, you might want to ask yourself the following questions, and discuss them with the other adults in your child's life. Follow-up by attending either or both of the upcoming programs.

1. How did you, as a teenager, make decisions about alcohol and/or other drugs?
2. Would you tell another parent if their child was using tobacco? Alcohol? Other drugs?
3. Would you offer alcohol to your child or another adolescent?
4. Why do adults usually have alcohol at their parties?
5. What do you think is an appropriate consequence for a child's use of alcohol or other drugs?
6. How do you feel about young people experimenting with alcohol and other drugs?
7. Are the drinking, smoking and drug using habits of adults (including your own) consistent with the advice they give?
8. What do you think is an appropriate age for a child to start drinking outside/inside the home?
9. What would be the most persuasive reason a parent could give to stop or at least minimize their children's use of alcohol or other drugs?
10. Should parents play a role in teaching their son or daughter how to drink responsibly? How would you accomplish this?
How do you define responsible drinking?
11. Is alcohol a "rite of passage?" At what age and under what circumstances would it be all right for your child to drink?

For more information about either program or other resources, please refer to our website: www.ccpi.info or email us at: ccpigroup1@yahoo.com.

Help your graduate smile ☺ with a STRESS PAL!

Pictured on front:



Written on back:

**Don't sweat
the small stuff
CCHS
Class of 2007**



To place your order, send \$7 check made out to "CCHS Girls Soccer" to:
 Nancy Slocum, CCHS Girls Soccer Coach, 500 Walden Street, Concord, MA 01742
 Questions? Contact Nancy Slocum at Nslocum@Colonial.net or 978-341-2490 ext. 7461
Deadline to place order is Friday, April 29

Time to Get Your Concord-Carlisle High School
School Planner/Student Assignment Notebooks
For the 2005 – 2006 School Year

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

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

Planners will be available to be picked up during freshman orientation and in the first days of school in the fall. A limited number are available, and once sold, you're out of luck!

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

_____	2006	2007	2008	2009
_____	2006	2007	2008	2009
_____	2006	2007	2008	2009

Number of Planners _____ **X \$8 + \$** _____ **paid**

Please make checks out to "CCHS Class of 2007"

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mail to Kathy Sullivan, 40 Captain Miles Road, Concord, MA 01742
Orders taken until all planners are sold – first come first served.
Thanks for your support!

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

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

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW...

If you are **NEW** to the school or have a student entering the Freshman Class, please complete the form below and return it no later than June 30. The directory is sent to the printer in July.

If the directory information for your upperclassman appears **CORRECT** in the current edition of Connections and you want it to remain in the Connections booklet, then no further action is necessary.

If you want to **REMOVE** your family/student information from Connections, please initial here (), complete the form below and return this no later than June 30.

If the directory information for your family needs to be **CORRECTED**, please complete the form below and return it no later than June 30.

CONNECTIONS FORM - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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

Year of Graduation _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Street Address _____

Town _____ Zip _____

Family Telephone Number () _____

Student Telephone Number () _____

SECOND ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Street Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone at Second Address () _____

Comments _____

Mail Directly to – Ellen Gamboa, 144 Nashoba Road, Concord, MA 01742
Or email to Ellen at ellengamboa@verizonmail.com



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Class of '06

Tickets on Sale:

Monday through Friday
April 25th through 29th

In the café - \$10 per person

Performance:

Friday
April 29th

@ 7:30 in the Cafeteria

TELL YOUR
NEIGHBORS &
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EVERY
PERSON
WELCOME

Come see unplugged bands, instrumentalists,
vocalists, comedians and other related acts

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Transition to College

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

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

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

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

Picture ID Needed

All students taking the May 7, 2005 SAT I/SAT II test must bring a Picture ID to their test site. Guidance Counselors can provide an alternative form of identification if students do not have a picture ID.

June SATs

The registration deadline for the June 4, 2005 SAT I and SAT II is April 29th. Late registration is May 11th.

www.collegeboard.com

Wait Lists

Seniors who are on a wait list of a college he/she wishes to attend should:

- Deposit at another college by May 1 (usually non-refundable).
- Write a letter to the first choice college stating that he/she would come to that college if offered the opportunity.
- Call the admissions office on or about May 1 to find out if that college plans to go to the waiting list.
- Consider sending third quarter grades.

Most colleges do not have a clear picture of their needs until the deposit date of May 1. At that time, they look at the number of deposits and the composition of the class (gender balance, etc.). Students who have clearly expressed a desire to attend are advantaged in this process. Many colleges’ telephone students if an opening occurs – make sure you check your phone messages if you are away or leave a cell number.

Double Deposits

Students should not send a deposit to more than one college. College’s reserves the rights to withdraw admit offers for those discovered engaging in this activity.

Records Office

Seniors should stop by the Record's Office and inform Mrs. Tessari of the final college choices. The final transcript will be sent during the summer

From the Health Office

Student health records are given to all graduates when they pick up their cap and gown in June. No copies are kept. This is an important document of the senior's health and immunization history and will be necessary for future endeavors. Questions and comments for the Health Office are welcomed at any time. (978-341-2490, extension 7158)

Juniors' College Search

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

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

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

The process does not end with this preliminary list. The colleges must be researched. The **College Search** section of the **CCHS Guidance Web Site** provides helpful information for this purpose. In the weeks and months to come, students will refine their lists, college's names will be dropped and others may be added. All the while, students will be learning even more about themselves and the colleges on their list. Counselors have met with junior groups in February and March, and many juniors have started to meet individually with counselors. The Guidance Department encourages the parents of juniors to schedule post-secondary planning meetings. Please call for an appointment.

Searching for Scholarships

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

Parents and students should start as early as the spring of **junior year** to research available money sources. Good planning and preparation are important and attention to application details and deadlines is also imperative. Scholarship search organizations that require a fee are generally not endorsed by high school or college associations. The Federal Trade Commission warns users of possible scholarship service scams on its web site, www.ftc.gov/ftc/consumer.htm. Books are available in the Guidance Resource Center that offer a description of various scholarships and contests, list colleges which award money for merit or non-need scholarships, and provide sources specific to athletics. To search the Internet for scholarship information go to www.collegeboard.org, www.finaid.org, and www.fastweb.com.

Summer School

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

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

Area summer school programs which CCHS students often attend:

- ✚ Minuteman Regional High School, Lexington, MA (781-861-7150 – www.Minuteman.org)
- ✚ Acton-Boxborough High School, Acton, MA (978-264-4700 ext. 3455)
- ✚ Boston information available in late May.

- ✚ Belmont Hill School, Belmont, MA (617-484-4549)
- ✚ Middlesex Community College (1-800-818-3434, sessions starting early June – www.Middlesex.cc.ma.us)

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



The May Newsletter has an addendum this month that is being sent under separate cover. It is called **May News 2 Addendum**. I didn't include it in this newsletter because of the number of pages the newsletter has already.

The addendum is the **Concord-Carlisle High School Telephone Directory** which is being published for your convenience. You should be dialing **978-341-2490** with your party's extension number to reach anyone at the high school. **Telephone informational numbers** are also included.

Please note that beginning in September, you will need to dial **978-341-2490** and the person's extension number.

In October or November a new/updated directory will be published for school year 2005-2006

