

## CCHS NEWSLETTER

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PARENT ASSOCIATION



Many thanks to our CCHS administration, faculty and staff for helping to make our Back to School Night such a success. Principal Art Dulong helped to ease our anxiety of returning to the classroom and navigating the hallways by giving a warm welcome to all new and returning CCHS parents in the auditorium. CCHS' teaching faculty was miraculously able to condense a large amount of information into just a few minutes and never missed a beat when their doors kept opening late. In addition, how about the girl's soccer team seizing the opportunity of a rainy night by selling umbrellas!

**The first meeting of the CCHS Parent's Association will be Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the library.** Our meeting will begin with a discussion of current class activities, followed by our guest speaker will be Ray Pavlik, CCHS Science Chairperson. Mr. Pavlik will discuss the Concord Education Fund's special gift to the CCHS Science Department, and how this gift coupled with other grants, have brought our science department into a new technological age. For all Concord and Carlisle families who contributed to the Concord Ed Fund's special science gift and to the CCHS annual appeal drive, this will give you a wonderful opportunity to see what your generous stewardship has accomplished.

Please take a moment to read **Christine Corr's letter, found in this newsletter.** Christine is the Senior Safari chair, and is currently organizing this year's event on June 10, 2006. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents of all aged students to become involved in helping to create a night that is safe, and unforgettable!

If you have questions or comments about CCHS, **Art's informal coffee on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am,** is a great way to discuss issues in our school and community, and to hear our principal's opinion on these issues. Last month's discussion ranged from the athletic schedule to dance behavior.

**Please visit Ms. Martha Hammer in the office if you did not pick up your copy of the Connections Directory.** She has a large stack waiting for distribution.

**Have a wonderful November and don't forget our own 'TURKEY BOWL' here at CCHS this year!**

Thank you,

Lisa Betancourt, PA President, 978- 369-3453

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### ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE CHECKING / THINKING ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:

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

CCHS Presents **DRACULA** on November 4, 5, & 6  
**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (the Musical)** on  
December 9, 10, & 11.

The **HYPNOTIST RETURNS** on  
December 3 sponsored by the Class of  
2007

 **Notes from ART DULONG**

I continue to be pleased to report that the school year, so far, has been incredibly smooth. I am impressed by the focus, determination and attitude of the students with whom I have an opportunity to speak. The new faculty members have fit in well, adjusting to our school culture and values, and generally making a positive impression on students and colleagues. Of course, the experienced faculty continues to do the extraordinary job that has become routine at CCHS. One might ask if everything is so smooth do we really need a principal!!

Without specifically answering that question, I regretfully have to inform you that we seem to be engaged in another year of budget crisis, even as we thought the worst was over. Here are the reasons why budget issues will become a topic of conversation as the year goes on.

- 1) Our special education budget, due to the expense of outside placements of Concord and Carlisle students, is expected to have a deficit of at least a couple hundred thousand dollars. These expenses are not entered into lightly. The students in question need the services provided where they are. The law supports them having the necessary services. They just happen to be expensive.
- 2) The cost of health insurance is expected to rise by as much as 12%. Whatever the actual increase it is a portion of the regional school's budget. For the employees of Concord and Carlisle the health insurance costs appear within the town budget, but the laws differ for regional schools. Thus an increased cost of insurance results in an increase in the school expenses.
- 3) The increased cost of fuel is having a serious impact on our budget for this year and will likely continue to impact us next year. For the past few years we have been insulated from rising energy costs due to a long-term fixed rate contract with our supplier. The contract ended and, understandably, they (and other suppliers) have chosen not to enter into another at this time. Thus, just as each of us in our personal budget, we are subject to whatever the market rates are.
- 4) The normal course of things includes contractual obligations to teachers, staff, and all employees. Since there are more teachers than any other category employee, the raises they earn by negotiations, by moving up the scale (experience), and by moving across the scale (advanced degrees or credits) has the greatest impact on the salary portion of the budget. The total salary portion, including the various types of earned benefits, is projected to rise more than 6%. This is a people driven business. Salaries represent more than 65% of the total budget.
- 5) Then there is good news, bad news. The good news is for Carlisle residents. The bad is for Concord residents. Unexpectedly the ratio upon which town assessments are based shifted. Carlisle's student base dropped a couple percentage points. Concord's student base raised the same amount. Thus the citizens of Concord will see an increase in the assessment to them.

What does it all mean? At this moment I do not know, but it cannot be good. As always I will try to keep you informed. I hope you will pay attention to the meetings of FinCom, the Selectmen (Is it Select People?), and the School Committee. I hope you will get involved in discussions, as they directly impact you and your children.

For now I will continue to appreciate the truly wonderful school in which I am privileged to work. Along the way I will try to answer the question posed at the end of the first paragraph.



**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.

**HOLIDAY WREATH SALE – CONFERENCE DAY – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>.**  
**Fresh evergreens wreaths with assorted bows and decorations at Great Prices!!**  
**SUPPORT THE CLASS OF 2008**



**SUBSCRIBING TO THE LIST SERVE:**

Go to [www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo](http://www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo) and click on the link to your child's class. If you have children in multiple classes, repeat the process for each child. **READ AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS** provided. You will need to have your child's student I.D. handy when subscribing. When you subscribe, you will receive an auto-generated response which you **MUST REPLY** to in ORDER TO ACTIVATE YOUR SUBSCRIPTION. **IF YOU DO NOT REPLY, YOUR SUBSCRIPTION REQUEST WILL SIMPLY DISAPPEAR FROM THE SYSTEM. PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ALONG TO ANYONE WHO HAS NOT SUBSCRIBED YET.**

## CONCORD CARLISLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund application instructions and forms have been updated for the 2006-2007 awards cycle and are now available for downloading at [www.ccscholarshipfund.org](http://www.ccscholarshipfund.org).

There are two major changes for the 2006-2007 application process.

**The deletion of the requirement that all new applicants complete the College Scholarship Service (CSS) form.** This change was unanimously endorsed as a one-year trial following the recommendation of Brad McGrath and Denis Cleary. It's hoped that doing so will facilitate the applications of students for whom the requirement may be too costly or cumbersome. The Board of Trustees will evaluate the effect of this decision next June.

**The inclusion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR) as an application requirement for all applicants.** This form is used by virtually all post-secondary institutions as a means of assessing financial need and, therefore, it is a form that all students will be completing as a normal step in their application for institutional financial aid. It should be a simple matter for students to forward us a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) that is sent to them after their FAFSA has been processed.

All students who (1) have graduated from secondary school and (2) have attended any public or private school in Concord or Carlisle or have resided in Concord or in Carlisle are eligible for consideration for CCSF Scholarships. **The primary criterion for eligibility is financial need.** Awards may be used to fund institutionally-billed expenses for virtually any post-secondary educational program including, but not limited to four-year degree programs and two-year certificate programs. Currently, 106 students are receiving \$161,000 in scholarships funded by the CCSF and CCSF Affiliates who use the CCSF application process for their own awards determinations.

We would be most appreciative if you would encourage students (especially, seniors) and their parents/guardians to visit our website, [www.ccscholarshipfund.org](http://www.ccscholarshipfund.org), for information about the Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund and as a resource for downloading the necessary application materials. For individual questions, please e-mail us at [ccsf@colonial.net](mailto:ccsf@colonial.net). We monitor our e-mail frequently and try to respond within 24 hours of each inquiry.

**The Board is pleased to announce that Denis Cleary is now a CCSF Trustee and that he will serve as our CCHS liaison.** Any questions may also be directed to him. If he doesn't have a ready answer, he will certainly get it for you.

Al Powers, Treasurer  
CCSF

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## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>.

Each year, after the first quarter report cards have been distributed, the high school provides an opportunity for parents to meet with their son/daughter's teachers and guidance counselor to discuss student progress. This year, our **Parent-Teacher Conference Day** will be held on **Thursday, December 8th, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.** Ten-minute modules have been scheduled for conferences with teachers and counselors. **A mailing with all of the information needed to set up appointments was sent to all CCHS parents in October.** Completed appointment forms are mailed back to parents/guardians within two (2) days. **If you are missing your appointment return form please contact Mrs. Coleman.**

The CHEER STORE will be opened during select lunch blocks! Get your spirit merchandise and show school spirit...hats, headbands, sweatshirts lanyards and many more items. Look for poster in cafeteria for store hours.  
Support your Cheerleaders!

## SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

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

## EARLY DISMISSAL

Students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 23rd, the day before Thanksgiving.

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## QUARTER 1 REPORT CARDS

First quarter report cards will be distributed to students in homeroom on **Friday, December 2.** Since we do not mail report cards, parents should ask to see their son/daughter's report cards when they return from school that Friday. In addition to providing information about grades for the first marking period, report cards also provide attendance information and indicate if there is a credit reduction problem due to unexcused absences. Please review report cards carefully, and if you have any questions, call the teacher of the course about which you have questions or call your son/daughter's guidance counselor.

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## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee (SC) spent the summer setting goals for this school year and beyond, and held two lengthy workshops focused on facilities. The short version of the decisions made at long meetings regarding facilities is that the School Committee will unanimously support moving forward with a new Willard School, starting with a vote on design funds in the upcoming year. The SC will not put forward a plan for a Concord-Carlisle Regional High School project until more is known about state school building reimbursement dollars. The SC did, however, accept a study completed by the High School Study committee last year which recommended building a new high school. The SC expects to make a recommendation to the town on how to proceed in the coming months. The towns of Concord and Carlisle are unlikely to proceed with any large CCHS project without state reimbursement dollars, and the SC will continue to meet with the new Massachusetts School Building Authority to monitor progress in determining eligibility for reimbursement.

The compelling reasons to move forward with a new Willard School revolve around the inadequacy of the current building to meet educational standards of today, including space and infrastructure for technology, space for special education staff and delivery of special education services to students, space for expanded areas of need in nursing, and space to allow for instruction to be delivered in small group formats rather than aligned desks. Additionally, the cost the town will continue to incur over time to keep the old building functioning in terms of mechanical systems and conditions is not money well spent. The SC has established a leadership committee consisting of a broad cross section of citizens to assist in presenting these facts to the town and move the project forward. Construction of a new Willard School would complete the building phase of the elementary schools and allow the town to focus on the high school in the future.

A coordination meeting is held each year with leadership in the town giving us a fiscal overview of what to expect in the upcoming year. While the fiscal situation has moderated from the crisis proportions of a couple of years ago, we expect another tight budget year this year. Meetings have begun with the Finance Committee outlining the expected needs of the school system for next year. Updates will be given in the coming months as the budget is developed.

Other issues that the School Committee is working on include finalizing the revised policy manual. This was a big project, but was necessary in order to keep our practices and procedures consistent with law. The policy manual guides our administration in the day-to-day operations of the school system.

Finally, the School Committee asks for your help. In past years a parent group has assisted in informing citizens about details of budget overrides and has advocated for affirmative votes on school initiatives. We need people to step forward to assist with this effort, which was largely non-existent last spring. There are larger and smaller tasks, but we ask that everyone get involved. Please send an email to either Betsy Bilodeau ([bilodeau2@aol.com](mailto:bilodeau2@aol.com)) or Becky Shannon ([bshan96880@aol.com](mailto:bshan96880@aol.com)) if you are willing to spend some time helping the school committee. It would be greatly appreciated, and our schools depend on your support.

Thank you, and have a nice November,

Betsy Bilodeau for the School Committee

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## ATTENTION ALL SENIORS

If you have a college deadline for the following dates please remember that the **STUDENT RECORD CONSENT FORM(S)** must be passed in to the Registrar, Mrs. Tessari in the main office at least **10 SCHOOL DAYS BEFORE the actual college deadline.**

### College Deadline

November 15, 2005  
December 1, 2005  
December 15, 2005  
January 1, 2006  
January 15, 2006  
February 1, 2006

### Due Date

October 31, 2005  
November 14, 2005  
November 30, 2005  
December 9, 2005  
December 22, 2005  
January 18, 2006

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### 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.

### LIBRARY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

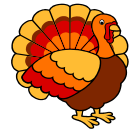
As of November 1 there will not be a copier machine in the library for student use. It has become very expensive to keep the machine that we currently have and the contract has run out. We are currently in the process of researching assorted vendors in an effort to find an economical solution.



**Thanksgiving Football Game**  
**CCHS vs. Bedford (at home) on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Get Your Tickets EARLY**

**THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL GAME**

The Concord-Carlisle High School Varsity Football Team will have their last game of the season on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. at CCHS. Pre-game ticket sales begin on Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, November 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with Mrs. Hammer in the Main Office. Pre-game tickets are \$3 each for students and \$5 for adults. Tickets will be \$5 each on game day. **Don't miss it. Get out there and support our team!!!**



**CCPools**  
**Announces**  
**\$1,000,000 Challenge Grant**

Non-profit C. C. Pools, Inc. has received an anonymous **\$1 MILLION CHALLENGE GRANT** to drive completion of the \$9.5 million capital campaign for the Concord Carlisle Community Swim & Health Center. **ALL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31, 2005, WILL BE MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR UP TO \$1 MILLION.**

The capital campaign for the Center has received \$7.5 million in direct contributions and pledges from over 900 donors. When complete, it will be given to the Town of Concord, the largest gift ever given to the Town.

The Center is 75% complete and will open its doors in January. It will be available to everyone in Concord and Carlisle, including Town employees and their families.

Gifts in any amount are appreciated. All gifts are tax-deductible. Checks may be mailed to **C.C. POOLS, INC., 66 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, CONCORD, MA 01742**, charged on your credit card or donate on line at the secure web site, [www.ccpools.org](http://www.ccpools.org) . For more information please call Kate Carr, C.C. Pools, Inc. 978-371-4936.

**CONCORD RECREATION YOGA CLASSES**

Yoga for teens is run by the Concord Recreation Department and class is held at 105 Everett St. on Mondays at 2:30 pm. Come find out why all kinds of people are flocking to yoga.

Yoga is particularly good for pre-teens. Not only does it give you a strong, flexible body and a calm, focused mind, but it can help control your mood swings, do better in school, relieve fatigue, mental strain, and sleep better at night. In this weekly class, you'll get instruction on how to do the poses properly. You'll put these poses together in a flowing style of yoga that is vigorous and calming, energizing and relaxing. You'll also discover the meditation techniques. Most importantly in this class, you'll learn to enjoy your own body, have fun, and feel good about yourself without comparing yourself to others or competing.

This 15 week session starts 9/12/05 and costs \$150, classes can be prorated.

Jan MacCulloch

All students should be taking care of any attendance issues as they occur. Don't wait

## MONEY-SAVING COUPONS AVAILABLE AGAIN FROM WIQH!

CCHS'S RADIO STATION IS PLEASED TO OFFER "HOMETOWN TREASURES" COUPONS AGAIN THIS YEAR. SAVE ON YOUR PURCHASES AT LOCAL BUSINESSES. YOU PAY JUST \$15 FOR THE BOOK BUT THE COUPONS CAN SAVE YOU HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS. LOOK AT WHAT YOU GET!

- Vincenzo's Ristorante** - \$5 off two entrees
- Video Revolution** – one free movie rental
- The UPS Store in Concord** – discount on copies, business cards, packing and shipping
- Twin Seafoods** – save on all purchases in first six months of 2006
- Twigs to Trees Nursery in Carlisle** – 20% off additional items after first full price tree purchase
- Subway in Acton** – free foot long sub with purchase of foot long sub and medium drink
- South Bridge Boathouse** – rent canoe or kayak for an hour, get second hour free
- Phillips Fine Paint & Design** – save \$15 on purchase
- Monsoon Indian Bistro in Maynard** - \$5 off purchase of \$25 or more
- Millbrook Farm in Concord** – 10% off purchase
- Mi & Miya Hair Salon in Concord** – 10% off for new customers
- Merlin's Silver Star in West Concord** – 20% off purchase
- Mahoney's Garden Center in Concord** - \$5 off any purchase of \$20 or more
- The Light Touch in Concord** – one free Reiki session
- Helen's** – free small cone with any dinner after 5 p.m.
- The Harness Shop** – 10% off non-sale items
- Gould's** – 20% off one men's or women's item
- Gold's Gym West Concord** - \$5 joining fee or 14 day free trial
- Frame-ables** – 20% off certain in-stock purchases
- Ferns** – buy one Signature Sandwich get \$2 off a second
- Dunkin' Donuts Concord** – 12 donuts for the price of 6
- Donelan's Supermarket** – one free 12 oz. coffee at the Café
- Dino's** – two large cheese pizzas for \$14.99
- Debra's Natural Gourmet** – free 15 minute nutritional consultation
- Dante Confections in Carlisle** – 10% off chocolate and fudge
- Crosby's Market** – 10% off your purchase of up to \$100
- Concord Provisions** – 10% of meat department purchase
- Concord Lamp and Shade** – 10% off purchase of \$100 or more
- Concord Flower Shop** - \$5 off any purchase of \$20 or more
- Colonial Stores** – 10% off non-sale items
- Colonial Inn Restaurants** – 10% off dinner/lunch food total (some restrictions)
- Churchill Flowers** – discounts on selected flower items
- The Cheese Shop** - \$5 off purchase of \$25 or more (wine excluded)
- Brine's Sporting Goods in Concord** – 10% off (excluding uniforms and sale items)
- Bonardi's in Acton** - \$30 off tux rental
- Body Shop at Home** – free \$10 Body Shop product
- Blanchette Gardens in Carlisle** – 10% off
- Back Alley Café** – 20% off any purchase of \$10 or more
- Atlantic Sea Grill and Fish Market** – 10% off purchase of \$10 or more
- Artinian Jewelry** – 10% off purchase (excluding repairs)
- Acton Toyota** – free one day car rental with purchase of complete vehicle detail
- Acton Lincoln Mercury** – save on lube, oil and filter change

**MOST COUPONS ARE VALID THROUGH ALL OF 2006!**

**THIS IS A GREAT DEAL AND ALL PROCEEDS HELP SUPPORT 88.3 FM WIQH.**

**TO GET A BOOK, CALL WIQH AT (978)-369-2440 OR JUST ASK A WIQH MEMBER IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.**



# Minuteman SENIOR SERVICES



## Special Events

*Save the date and help us celebrate!*

**Please join Minuteman Senior Services for an Open House...**

As we celebrate 30 years of service to seniors and their families.

**Wednesday, November 2, 2005**

**3:30-6:30 p.m.**

**24 Third Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803**

**Get to know us before you need us!**

Tour our Burlington facility

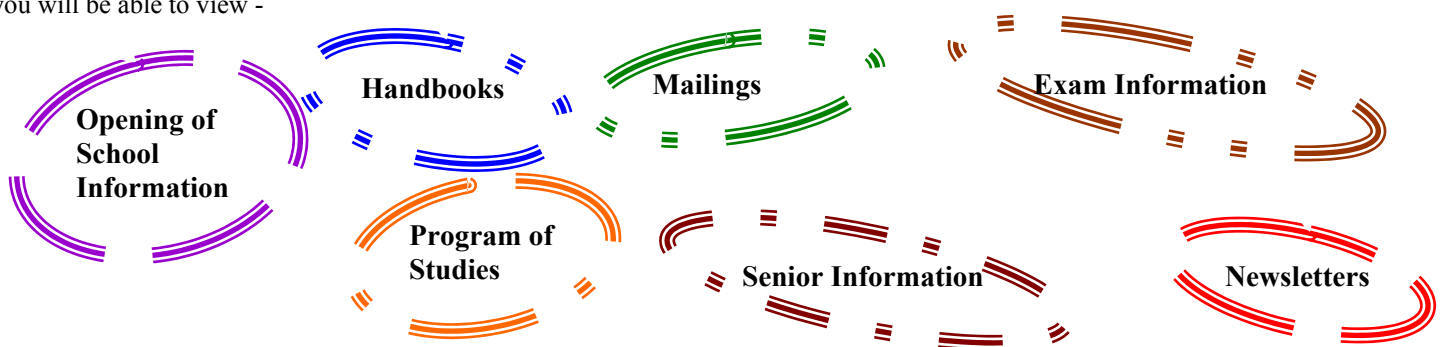
Talk with Minuteman staff about the various options for everyday life

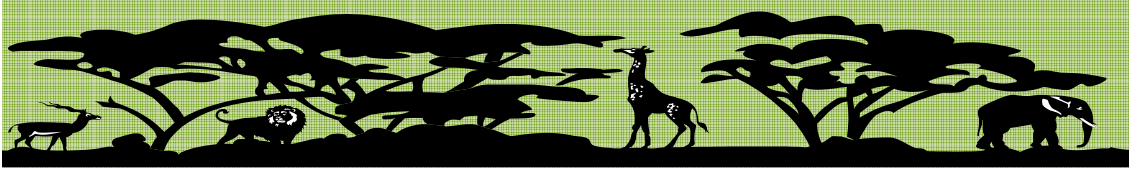
- Caregiver Support
- Meals on Wheels/ Senior Dining
- Information and Referral
- Care Management
- In-Home Services
- SHINE—Health Benefits Advice
- Legal Services
- Nursing Home Ombudsman Program
- Workplace Elder Care Programs
- Caring Conversations™
- Professional Development Program
- Employment Opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Elder Protective Services
- Money Management
- Alzheimer's Consultation

For more information call (781) 272-7177 or (978) 263-8720

# Coming Soon CCHS Administration Web Page

Soon you will be able to view all of the important information sent home or distributed to students in school. Some of the information you will be able to view -





Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, following graduation each year, the Parents Association hosts an all night party event for our seniors. The event, now in its 15th year, provides our students with a safe, drug free opportunity in which to celebrate their accomplishments and brings a wonderful sense of closure to their high school experience. It also provides parents with peace of mind and a tremendous source of comfort on an evening when their children may otherwise engage in risky or unsafe behaviors. We are lucky to provide our seniors with such a positive and healthy environment in which to celebrate their graduation. The party literally transforms the high school cafeteria into a jungle, complete with life-sized safari animals and a rain forest. A high tech karaoke room is created in the faculty dining area and the lower gym houses large group sports and activities.....all night long. It is truly an incredible set up and a memorable night for the graduates.

However, the all night event (known as Senior Safari), counts on a constant stream of new people and fresh faces. Parents of 9th, 10th and 11th grade students are asked to help with Senior Safari - in hopes that one day their own senior will be able to enjoy the fruits of their efforts. Senior parents are asked to help with preparations and are responsible for clean up following the event, but are not allowed to chaperone that evening.

During last year's setup, the Concord Fire Department requested several changes and safety improvements that we would like to implement for this year's event. Suggestions included fire proofing or replacing many of our fabulous decorations, which are meticulously stored, cared for and reviewed each year. For Senior Safari, the decorations mimic the role of the 'set' in a large scale musical. They make the show!

At this time, we are looking for a small group of creative parents willing to work with members of the Senior Safari committee to evaluate the decorations and related safety issues and to bring fresh ideas to the decoration planning. We wish to get underway soon with some of this planning. We hope that all parents share our desire to provide a safe environment for our graduates and hope that a few will step forward to make it happen.

In addition to addressing our decorations needs, we are looking for parent volunteers to join the working Senior Safari committee. Last year, the committee, which functions like a well oiled machine, met only four times (once each month from February through May). A few committee members have been volunteering for a number of years and are nearing the end of their CCHS experience. So again, new people and fresh faces are needed! The committee chair openings are for Chaperone Coordinator, Activities, and Health & Safety.

If you are interested in working on the decorations sub committee or would like more information about helping with Senior Safari, please contact me, Christine Corr, Senior Safari Chairperson by email [mccorr@aol.com](mailto:mccorr@aol.com) or 1-508-641-4084. Because of the efforts of many parents, present and past, our graduates of Concord, Carlisle & Boston continue to be kept safe on graduation night.

Sincerely,  
Christine Corr  
Senior Safari Chair

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**Band, Chorus, Drama and Orchestra Parents**

To be sure to receive important announcements and to keep up to date on the performing arts at CCHS sign up for the announce list at [ccpops.org](http://ccpops.org)



# **CCHS Presents DRACULA**

*Looking for a frightening way to spend part of a crisp autumn weekend?*

*CCHS sinks its dramatic teeth into a*

*"Fall of Horror"*

*with the exciting production of the classic tale*

*"DRACULA"*

*a 1995 adaptation by Steven Dietz of the Bram Stoker novel.*

*There will be plenty of Shrieks and Creaks*

*as DRACULA matches wits*

*with the Mad and Sane, the Beautiful and Ghastly.*

(Parents, this tale may not be suitable for children under 12 years old unless you want to stay up a few evenings fighting off their nightmares. The faint of heart may need a cup of warm cocoa to help them sleep as well!)

*"DRACULA" will be performed in the CCHS Auditorium*

*Friday and Saturday, November 4 & 5 at 7:30 pm*

*Sunday, November 6 at 2:30 pm.*

*Tickets are \$12 at [cepops.org](http://cepops.org) or at the door.*

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*CCHS will conclude its*

*"FALL OF HORROR"*

*with the MUSICAL COMEDY*

# **"Little Shop of Horrors"**

*December 9 -11*

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# Save the Date

## The Hypnotist Returns!

Hypnotist, Russ Burgess returns to CCHS to perform his amazing acts of extra-sensory perception and hypnotism on **Saturday, December 3rd**. Come see for yourself what your friends have told you about this hilarious and most entertaining show. Watch and be amazed when Mr. Burgess hypnotizes twenty courageous volunteers! Having performed for over 1,000,000 people, the talented Mr. Burgess continues to draw large crowds year after year.

The performance will be held in the **CCHS upper gymnasium from 7:00-8:30 pm on December 3rd**. General admission tickets will be available at lunch blocks Nov 29th-Dec. 2nd and at the door for \$10. This show is family-friendly and guaranteed to provide a fun-filled evening. It'll make you a believer!

Sponsored by the Class Of 2007

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## Cheer Team Fundraiser

Keep Warm this winter by wearing your CCHS sweatshirt!  
Show your spirit and keep warm by wearing 'CCHS' classic style sweatshirts. Pre-order to make sure you get your sweatshirts before the cold wind starts blowing.

**Light gray Lee 50% cotton 50% polyester heavyweight hooded sweatshirt with front pocket. Maroon 'CC' letter on back 'PATRIOTS' written on front left chest.**

### Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Size:      Small    ...    Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
              Medium    ...    Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
              Large     ...    Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
              X-Large ...    Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: Friends of CCHS Cheer Team.      \$35.00 per sweatshirt.**  
**Mail form to: CCHS Cheer Team, 500 Walden St. Concord, MA 01742.**



## CLASS 2006

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.

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The **WINE TASTING** at the Ball's home on Oct. 15th was a great success, financially and socially. Thanks once again to the Balls for their warm hospitality and to everyone who attended.

Early in November, on the 9th at 7:30, we will be holding an **EVENING COFFEE** at the home of Vina and Jayesh Patel, 204 Davis Road in Carlisle. This will be a wonderful chance to relax over desserts and warm beverage, sharing insights on the year so far. If you have college books or testing books you are willing to share or pass on, bring them along.

Please look ahead to December, when the students of 2006 will be sponsoring a **DANCE FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS** on Friday night the 16th, and respond to the call for chaperones when it is made.

On Thursday afternoon, December 22, from 2:15 to 3:30, our class will be once again hosting a reception in the library, but instead of just the seniors and faculty, this will be the **SENIOR/FACULTY/ALUMNI RECEPTION**, and will include recent graduates. We need your help to communicate to anyone you know who has graduated in the last few years, to let them know about this wonderful event – a chance for everyone to see them again and hear how things are going in the wider world of which they are now a part. Our last reception was terrific and the students made a point of telling the organizers that they were very glad for the opportunity it offered to have conversations with their teachers and others. And this one promises to be even more exciting and festive. So think about those college kids, many of whom will be back for the holidays, and help us get the message out.

Speaking of getting messages out, if you have a friend who has a kid in this class, ask if they are on the school email list. It is continually coming to our attention how many parents are still not connected in this way to information about their children's school. Encourage them to sign up. [www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo](http://www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo)

Barbara Lewis

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## CLASS 2007

Thanks to Paula and Ken Casey for hosting a Mom's Night Out in mid-October. Those there had a chance to catch up with friends and to sign up to lead various class activities for the year ahead. For those of you who could not be there, please keep your eyes open for a volunteer sign-up sheet which will come your way under a separate email – we're hoping to get lots of additional parents involved in class activities this year

Several activities for students and parents in the class of 2007 are planned for the next two months. Here are a few dates to remember for class activities in November and December.

- ❖ **Saturday, November 19:** Junior Class will host the annual Senior Citizen's Thanksgiving Dinner at the CCHS cafeteria. Liz Haff is coordinating the event with significant assistance from students, parents, and the CCRSD Food Service Department. The Councils on Aging in Concord and Carlisle help get the word out to the community and provide van transportation. The day is always lots of fun for all. Doors open to our guests at 11:30 and the dinner begins at noon. Students participate in set up, greeting and serving, clean up and entertainment. They receive community service credit for this work. Parents are asked to bake pies, donate money to buy turkeys, help supervise and work behind the scenes on the day of the event, and to serve on various planning subcommittees. Thanks to the many students and parents who have already volunteered to help. Please expect to hear from student and adult volunteer coordinators to remind you of your responsibilities. If you're not already plugged in and wish to help, show up on the morning of the event. Many hands make light work.
- ❖ **Saturday, December 3:** Back by popular demand – The Hypnotist! Join in a hypnotic evening, great fun for students and parents. Do you think mind reading is for real? Is ESP a hidden power or a cultivated talent? Join the more than 1,000,000 people who have witnessed hypnotist Russ Burgess in action as he performs at CCHS. Tickets will be available for sale during week prior to performance. Open to all CCHS students and their families.
- ❖ **Friday, December 16:** All school dance sponsored by the class of 2006.



## Class of 2008

No News this month.

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## Class of 2009

October was a busy month for the Class of 2009. Congratulations to the new class officers:

**President - Madeline Bilodeau**

**VP - Sam Corrao Clanon**

**Secretary - Olivia Arnow**

**Treasurer - Kim Swain**

Over 100 students enjoyed the first freshman-only movie night in mid-October. The word on the street is that the students had fun just being together in a group doing something simple. The kids were great, and they helped set up and clean up. Thanks to Anne Marks for spearheading the event and to Ray Pavlik and Brian Miller for organizing the students.

**Special Delivery!! A new shipment of CCHS-logo clothing items**

We have just received a new shipment of the CCHS-logo flannel pants, which sold out at Back-to-School Night. We will be selling CCHS clothing at upcoming school events (including December 8 Parent-Teacher Conference Day).

- **CCHS Flannel pants - \$20**
- **CCHS Tee shirt - \$10**
- **CCHS Muscle shirt - \$10**

In addition, our class has 2 fund raisers coming up in December:

- **Amaryllis Bulb sale at the December 8 Conference Day**
- **Magazine sale, also in December.**

These items make wonderful holiday and hostess gifts and the profits will support future class activities and service projects, so please keep them in mind when you're doing your shopping. Stay tuned to the 2009 Class Email list for sale locations or contact Cathy Galligan ([catgalligan@comcast.net](mailto:catgalligan@comcast.net)) for more information.

Our class is fortunate to have very enthusiastic parents, students and faculty advisors who have already organized a number of activities to engage the students and families. Thank you to our behind the scenes supporters:

**Clothing Sale - Patty, Ken and Brendan Hecht**

**Tailgate Party/Potluck - Maureen Tarca, Deb Hankey, Diane George**

**Car Wash (sadly preempted by rain) - Sandy Peck**

**Movie Night – Anne Marks, Ray Pavlik, Brain Miller, Kathy Robey, Claudia and Kevin Feeny**

One last administrative item – please add the following student to your copy of the Connections directory: Schuyler Ward (parents – Alex & Jeffrey Ward), 208 Walden Street, Concord, 978-369-2914.

*Have a great November and a Happy Thanksgiving!*

Claudia Feeny, Cathy Galligan, Patty Hecht, Anne Marks, Kathy Robey  
Class of 2009 Parent Representatives

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1. Free
  2. Free
  3. Free
  4. **Homeroom/Attendance**  
Fall Play  
Football
  5. Fall Play  
SAT
  6. Fall Play
  7. **Principals Coffee – 8:30 a.m., room A-7**
  8. Free
  9. Free
  10. **Homeroom / Quarter 1 Ends**
  11. **Veterans' Day – No School**
  12. Football
  13. Free
  14. ARB Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wing Bake Sale all week  
**PA Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Library**  
MCAS Retest  
**Conference Reply Deadline**
  15. MCAS Retest  
**December Newsletter Deadline** – send articles to [coleman@colonial.net](mailto:coleman@colonial.net) – please include your name and phone #.
  16. MCAS Retest  
SAC Meeting – 6:30 p.m., main office conference room
  17. MCAS Retest  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wing Debate / Little Theater/ 2:30 p.m.
  18. **Homeroom / Attendance**  
Cheerleader Pom Pom Sale  
Sophomore Assembly re: Raffle  
MCAS Retest
  19. **Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Lunch**  
**Concord Ed Fund Spelling Bee**
  20. Cheerleaders Fashion Show
  21. **Spirit Week Begins**  
**Additional Conference Appointments Begin**
  22. Joint School Committee Meeting
  23. **Half Day of School**
  24. **Thanksgiving – No School**  
Football
  25. **No School**
  26. Free
  27. Free
  28. Free
  29. Free
  30. **End of Conference Appointments**
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# “Guidance Bulletin”

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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## Common Application

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

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

## PSAT/NMSQT TEST SCORES

The **Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT)** is a practice test for the **SAT I**, measuring verbal and math reasoning skills. Most students take the PSAT in the fall of their junior year as preparation for taking the SAT I in the spring of that same school year. Scores on the PSAT are typically not reported to colleges and universities.

In mid-December every student who took the PSAT/NMSQT will receive the score report PLUS itemized feedback on test questions, and also an “Improve Your Skills” section. For each section, Verbal, Math, and Writing, the student will receive personalized skills feedback based on their performance as well as suggestions for improvement.

## Attention Juniors

SAT I exams are offered January 28 (December 22 deadline), April 1 (February 24 deadline), May 6 (April 3 deadline), and June 3 (April 28 deadline). Forms are available in the Guidance Department, but on-line registration is recommended: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Most students take SAT I’s once junior year and once senior year. Colleges see all the scores, but the vast majority use the highest Reading, Math, and Writing score.

## What About SAT II’s?

**Only the most competitive colleges** require the SAT II’s, and in the past, writing was required by most of these colleges. The writing SAT II is now eliminated because writing has become part of the SAT I exam. Some of the competitive colleges will continue to require three SAT II exams, some will only require two. Students should see their counselor if they have any questions.

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

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

### Watch for Upcoming Events

Financial Aid Workshop  
Wednesday, December 7, 2005  
CCHS Auditorium  
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

PSAT SCORES

WILL BE SENT HOME

IN DECEMBER

### TRANSCRIPT PACKAGE TIMELINE

Seniors who wish to have transcript materials sent to colleges should submit a **STUDENT RECORDS CONSENT FORM** to Mrs. Tessari in the **CCHS Records Office** at least 10 working days before the college deadline. For colleges with a December 31 or a January 1 deadline, the Record Consent Form should be in by **Wednesday, December 7**.

### FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, December 7 from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m (Back-Up date December 14) the Guidance Department will offer a Financial Aid Workshop in the CCHS Auditorium. Our guest speaker will be Ron Parker from American College Planning Service. Topics will include: an overview of the financial aid process and methodology, tips on completing forms, how information is handled at the college's financial aid office and alternative sources for funding a college education. While this workshop is targeted to parents of seniors, all parents are welcome.

### INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The CCHS Internship Program offers students in grades 11 & 12 the opportunity to work side-by-side with mentors in businesses and community-based organizations. While participating in internships, students can apply academic, technical, and personal development skills that they have learned to “real-world” tasks. Students can expect to learn more about the workplace, career, and new skills. After completing an internship, students will have a professional experience to add to their resumes in the future. If any junior or senior is interested in this opportunity, s/he should complete and turn in the Internship Application form, which will be handed out in their homeroom on November 18<sup>th</sup>. If the student misses that homeroom s/he should see Tamara DiCesare, Career Coordinator in the Guidance Department prior to January.

### STANLEY Z. KOPLIK CERTIFICATE OF MASTERY AWARD

Seniors, who received an Advanced score on the English Language Arts or Math section of the MCAS and an Advanced or Proficient score on the other section, are eligible to apply for the Certificate of Mastery between **December 15, 2005 and May 16, 2006**. Recipients will be recognized by the Mass. Dept. of Education for their academic achievement with a tuition waiver to Mass public colleges and universities. Eligible seniors should see Mrs. McDonald in the Guidance Office for an application.

