

CCHS NEWSLETTER

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PARENT ASSOCIATION

November blew in with a whirlwind of activity at CCHS. We had three days of “Dracula” fright, varsity girl’s volleyball and boy’s soccer playoffs, the junior class hosting the annual ‘Senior Citizen’s Thanksgiving Dinner’, followed by the Concord Education Fund’s Spelling Bee and Silent Auction on November 19th. The Cheer Team’s ‘A World of Fashion Show’ and the school-wide ‘Spirit Week’ was a fun way to roll into the Thanksgiving break.

December looks to be just as busy. Be sure to include the **HYPNOTIST, Saturday, December 3rd** as well as **“The Little Shop of Horrors”-The Musical Version- December 9th-11th** in your plans. The **Jr/Sr Dance sponsored by the class of 2006 is planned for December 16th** (originally slated as an all-school dance in the calendar).

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for December 8th. Bring your checkbook and help support class fundraising by purchasing flannel pants and T-shirts for holiday giving, and wreaths and amaryllis bulbs for holiday decorating.

Ray Pavlik and Jennifer Benson gave wonderful presentation at the Parent’s Association meeting last month about the new science technology funded through grants from the Concord Education Fund and the Parent’s Association. Mr. Pavlik demonstrated teaching using the new Active boards, and Ms. Benson gave a ‘hands on’ lesson using the new digital microscopes, probes, and computers. Exciting technology!

Be sure to update the school access phone number to 978-341-2490 in your Connections directory. Once this number is dialed and the prompt heard, you can immediately enter the extension or voice mail number needed at CCHS without entering any other number. All extensions and voice mail numbers are for CCHS only. And speaking of Connections, Ms. Hammer still has quite a few paid copies at her desk, and **Mr. Hehn and the class of 2007 have a few CCHS planners left for sale at \$4.00.**

Have a warm and wonderful holiday season!

Lisa Betancourt, PA President 978 369 3453

SENIOR – FACULTY – ALUMNI RECEPTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND. - 2:15 – 3:30 P.M.

CCHS LIBRARY

The Senior Class will be hosting a reception for Faculty and recent Graduates. This is a great opportunity for all of our students to connect with and thank the teachers and administrators who have been so instrumental in advancing the goals of these kids. It will also be exciting to welcome back all those kids who until a year or two ago were fellow students and classmates, and to find out how life, post CCHS, is going for them.

We will be posting notices in the newspapers and sending out emails, but we need your help to communicate to anyone you know who is a graduate of CCHS. Invite them to this wonderful event on behalf of the senior class.

For info and to volunteer contact Barbara Lewis, 978-287-0049 blglewis@comcast.net

It never stops being interesting at CCHS. I am sure you are aware of certain ongoing issues that I will mention below. Some of what I mention below might be new to you or sufficiently outside your daily experience to seem new.

Without doubt most of you have read in the local paper that, at my request, the School Committee has been considering whether or not we might place some cameras at strategic locations in the high school. Also without doubt some of you would support this and some may believe it is the end of liberty as we know it at CCHS. I have to acknowledge that I cannot speak for the entirety of the future and what other principals might do, but I can assure you that my interest for cameras is to help monitor very specific activity. We have a theft problem at CCHS that is almost exclusively from locker rooms. I would like a set of cameras to monitor who enters and leaves the locker rooms. Knowing who would have been in the locker room at a specific time simply helps us focus our efforts to solve the problem. It would not, in and of itself, solve the larger or even present us with a specific thief. It would allow for some timely questions directed at people who were there, and particularly toward people who were there and who did not belong there. The other place I would place cameras is to view the vending machines in the cafeteria, as they get vandalized periodically. I can promise you that I am not interested in turning CCHS into a heavily monitored school by using cameras in many locations.

Hopefully you have requested to have a conference with one or more of your child's teachers for the December 8th conference day. That is always a wonderful day for us as a school. In meetings focused on your own child you are able to get a good idea of who we are and what we value as a school community. We are also able to establish a stronger partnership with you, which will ultimately benefit your child. Of course, the pity is that there is not enough time in one day to meet with all the people who might request a meeting. Please know, if you did not get the conference you desired, that there are other methods of communication including email, phone, and other meeting times that teachers are almost always able and willing to accommodate.

The college application game is ever changing. For our part the guidance department is using a new software program that allows you and your child to get a fairly accurate picture of how your academic profile compares to that of students who have been accepted at the college of your interest. It is already a valuable tool that seniors and juniors have had access to. As more information gets loaded every year it will become more and more valuable. There is little or no value to sophomores or freshmen because these students have not had enough time to develop their own profile (GPA, SAT's, etc.). However, if your child is a senior or junior and you have not accessed the program you should. Any problems using the program should be directed to the guidance department.

Another change in the college process over the past couple years is the increasing number of students who are applying for early action or early decision. While there may be reasons this is a good idea, it is putting a real strain on the school personnel, particularly Mrs. Tessari, the registrar. She processed well over 600 applications for early and mid November. Because of the volume I request again that you give her at least two weeks advance notice for her to process the college materials. It is not reasonable to show up a day or two prior to the deadline demanding that she get everything out on time. Regardless of the reasonableness, it is almost always impossible for her to do that unless she neglected everyone else. This is another instance where working together will benefit your child.

One last thing, About 2 weeks ago an ambulance came to the back door of the H building to assist in the care of a student. The emergency crew was unable to quickly access the door or maneuver the vehicle due to cars parked illegally. The cars belonged to visitors, not staff. Please consider the need for emergency vehicle access when you park. Fire trucks and ambulances must have quick and easy access to our school and to us.

In addition, the handicapped access area must remain clear throughout the day. For everyone's safety please obey the no parking signs and only park in designated parking spaces.

With that I wish you all a wonderful December and a happy and healthy holiday season.

Summer Opportunities Fair

Summer Fun in January--Save the Date!!

25th Anniversary Summer Opportunities Fair--January 30, 2006

Plans are now underway for the **25th annual Summer Opportunities Fair** which will be held on **January 30th** from **5:30-8:30 pm in the CCHS cafeteria**. In an effort to give students of all ages an opportunity to explore some exciting alternatives to their usual summer activities, the fair brings together representatives from over 80 organizations to present information about summer opportunities locally, nationally, and abroad. Exhibitors will display information on traditional summer camps, wilderness adventures, education and enrichment opportunities, sports camps, special needs camps, foreign language and student exchange programs, volunteer opportunities, and more. Join us for special treats as we celebrate our 25th anniversary! Look for more information in the January newsletter. Sponsored by the CCHS Parents' Association

YEARBOOK ORDER DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 5TH.

If you have not ordered a yearbook and are interested in ordering one, the deadline date is just around the corner. Yearbook orders **cannot be taken after December 5, 2005.**

If you are interested in ordering a yearbook, the cost is \$75.75 for a yearbook without a name stamped on the cover and \$81.75 with a name stamped on the cover. If you have misplaced the order form that was mailed to you from Herff Jones, additional forms are available from Mrs. Hammer in the main office.

Orders can be placed online at www.herffjones.com/theordercenter, by calling 1-866-287-3096 (Monday -Friday 8am - 5pm Central Time), or by mailing an order form to Herff Jones (the address is on the form).

If you have any questions about the yearbook, please contact Erica Karban at yearbook@colonial.net or 978-241-3490 x7299. **Yearbook order can not be placed through Ms. Karban; all orders must go through Herff Jones.**

Erica R. Karban



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. Thank you for your cooperation.



CLASS OF 2009

AMARYLLIS SALE

The Class of 2009 will be selling Amaryllis bulbs at CCHS Teacher Conference Day (December 8) from 2-8 P.M.!! These are the highest quality amaryllis plants, which are staged to bloom for the holidays and will make excellent holiday or hostess gifts. Bulbs are available in pink, red and white varieties and are priced at \$15. Please visit our sales booths, which will be located in the CCHS hallways, from 2 P.M. - 8 P.M. on Conference Day. If there are questions or if you miss us on conference day, you may email Laurie Cadigan at Laurie@Concordre.com to make a purchase.



SUBSCRIBING TO THE LIST SERVE:

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

CONCORD CARLISLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATES

- Community Service has a new bulletin board at CCHS near the main door. One-time and on-going volunteer opportunities are posted.
- New opportunities in Concord, Carlisle, Boston and Lowell are posted.
- If you have questions, need community service, or want to discuss how and where to get involved, email 2volunteer@colonial.net.

Looking forward to supporting students in finding valuable opportunities to assist others.

Barbara Howland



NEWS FROM THE CCHS SWIM AND DIVE TEAM

The 2005-2006 Season for the CCHS Swimming and Diving Team begins Monday, November 28, 2005, and ends on Sunday, February 26, 2006, with the Girls State Meet.

Please visit our website at www.colonial.net/cchswweb/Sports/cchsswimanddive/

Swimmers and divers should check with their coaches for any schedule changes.

Here is some important information for swimmers, divers and parents:

- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28: SWIMMING AND DIVING PRACTICES BEGINS**
- **SWIMMING PRACTICE, MONDAY –FRIDAY (AT MINUTEMAN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL)**

Head Coach Jerry Moss, Coach Matt Goldberg, Coach Bert Lesneski

Dry land practice is half an hour every day starting at 4:30 pm sharp (meet in the Fitness Center) The bus leaves the gym parking lot at 5:15pm. Swim practice is from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m., with the bus returning to CCHS about 7:45 p.m.

- **DIVING PRACTICE, MONDAY – FRIDAY (AT ATKINSON POOL)**

Coach Tracey Bird

The bus leaves the gym parking lot at 2:15pm. Diving practice is from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m. and the bus returns to CCHS about 4:45 p.m.

- **Thursday, December 1, 7:30pm: Important Parent Meeting, CCHS Little Theatre**

Parents, please come learn more about the Team, the season, volunteering and how you can support your swimmer or diver.

- **Friday, December 2, Dual Country League Relay Carnival at Atkinson Pool.**

Details of the Relay Carnival will be communicated to swimmers and divers.

- **Friday, December 2: Members of Dive Team will be announced.**
- **Tuesday, December 6: Members of Swim Team will be announced.**

MORE NEWS...

This year, there will be tryouts for both the Swimming and Diving Team. Cuts will have to be made due to capacity limitations at the practice pools and the number of athletes who can ride the bus to and from practice. The final team roster for divers will be announced Friday, December 2, and the final team roster for swimmers will be announced on Tuesday, December 6.

Since the pool at the new Concord-Carlisle Health Center is not yet operational, swimmers will continue to practice at Minuteman Technical High School in Lexington and divers will practice at Atkinson Pool in Sudbury.

Once the season starts, there are, on average, two meets per week on Tuesdays and Fridays. Home meets are at Atkinson Pool. Swimmers and divers who qualify for the States competition are required to participate in team practices over the February school vacation week. The team banquet will be held in early March, with more information forthcoming.



SUPPORT THE CLASS OF 2008

HOLIDAY WREATH SALE – CONFERENCE DAY – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.
Fresh evergreens wreaths with assorted bows and decorations at Great Prices!!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.

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.**

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.

A Community Conversation about Race

“Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?” AND Other Conversations about Race

Sunday, December 4, 2 – 4 p.m. -- Concord Free Public Library

The community is invited to a group discussion about race using Dr. Beverly Tatum’s bestseller, “Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?” The discussion will focus on issues of racial identity and skin-color prejudice. Participants should read the 2003 edition of Tatum’s book with the new epilogue and Discussion Guide and be prepared for an engaging group conversation. Author Beverly Tatum, President of Spellman College, is an expert on race relations in the classroom and the development of racial identity. Space is limited. Please reserve a seat by calling Adult & Community Education, 318-1540 (days), 318-1432 weeknights.

Free

Co-sponsored by Community Education and the Concord-Carlisle Human Rights Council.



QUARTER 1 REPORT CARD

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.

**GUIDANCE FINANCIAL AID MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7
7:30 P.M.
CCHS LIBRARY**

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.

<u>College Deadline</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
January 1, 2006	December 9, 2005
January 15, 2006	December 22, 2005
February 1, 2006	January 18, 2006

TEST PREPARATION CLASSES TO BE OFFERED THIS WINTER FOR UPCOMING SATS

CCHS hosts two organizations that offer SAT preparation Classes: Kaplan Test Prep and Summit Education Group. They will prepare students to excel on the New SAT tests, a fundamental component to the college admission process.

The next Kaplan course meets bi-weekly December 6 – January 24 on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. This is in preparation for the March SAT. To register, call 1-800-KAP-TEST. The cost for this 12-session class is \$899.

The next Summit Course meets on 12 Tuesdays, from January 3 – March 28 for the April 1 test. Summit is also offering two classes for the May 6 SAT on Thursdays, January 26 – May 4 and Tuesdays, January 31 – May 2.

Registration for the Summit Classes, which cost \$550, is handled through Concord-Carlisle Adult & Community Education. Summit and Kaplan classes meet at the high school. Call (978) 318-1540 (weekdays) or 318-1432 (nights) to register. For more information, go to the Concord-Carlisle Adult & Community Education website at <http://www.ace.colonial.net>

Thank you in advance.

Kathy Atwood, CCRSD
Adult & Community Education (978) 318-1540 - 318-1432 nights

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.

Support 88.3 F.M. WIQH

December 9 -11th

The MUSICAL COMEDY

"Little Shop of Horrors"

Band, Chorus, Drama and Orchestra Parents

Sign up for the **Announce List** at ccpops.org and receive important announcements and keep up to date on the performing arts at CCHS

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 Saturday, 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

 **CLASS 2006**

THE FIRST ORDER HAS BEEN PLACED FOR CAP AND GOWNS. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID FOR ONE YET (CHECK THE LIST ON THE WINDOW IN THE MAIN OFFICE) YOU HAVE ONE LAST CHANCE. THE NEXT AND FINAL ORDER GOES IN ON DECEMBER 16TH. COST IS NOW \$30. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CCHS. SEE MRS. COLEMAN ASAP!! ALL SENIORS SHOULD START TO CHECK NOW WITH DEPARTMENTS TO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY MATERIALS NOT RETURNED. DON'T WAIT UNTIL JUNE. GET IT DONE NOW.

CLASS OF 2006 – SENIORS

Thanks to all the parents who helped with our **Unplugged** musical coffeehouse, and tremendous congratulations to the kids who ran it and participated on stage and behind the scenes. What a great night of performances it was. We also are deeply grateful to Ned Roos and the radio station staff without whom this event could not have taken place. For those who missed it we will have another coming up in **April on the 28th**.

Thank you to Vina and Jayesh Patel for hosting an **Evening Parent Coffee** in their lovely home. Those who came enjoyed lots of great conversation and there was some exchange of college and testing resource books.

In **December** the students are planning a **Junior/Senior Dance** on **Saturday night the 17th**. Please call or email Lisa Philippou to help chaperone (978-369-2878, lphilippou@comcast.net)

On Thursday afternoon, the **22nd of December**, right after school, we will be hosting the **Senior Class – Faculty - Alumni Reception** in the Library. It is very important to communicate to students of CCHS who have graduated in the last several years and inform them of this wonderful event. We got terrific feedback from some of the students who attended the Reception in September, and news that another one would be held in December with alumni was enthusiastically received. So spread the word. Mailings to graduates is too time and \$ intensive. We will rely on public communications and word of mouth. We will need volunteers to contribute food and help set up and serve. Please contact Barbara Lewis, 978-287-0049, bglewis@comcast.net.

Events in 2006 – Begin marking your calendars now for a Parent Social on January 6, a Senior Class sponsored All School Dance on January 20, a Wine Tasting on February 11, the Senior Citizen's St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on March 18, and a Parent Social on April 7. Save the dates!

CLASS 2007 – JUNIORS

Thanks to all who made the Council on Aging Thanksgiving Dinner a huge success. Nearly 100 students and parents came together to bake, cook, set up, serve, entertain, decorate, cleanup, and greet guests for the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The event, held at CCHS on Saturday, November 17, included a wonderful meal, plenty of the much sought-after leftovers, good cheer, and great entertainment. Special thanks go to Liz Haff, who organized an army of volunteers to make the day a memorable one.

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 December.

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Thursday, December 9.** Many parents will be visiting CCHS for parent conferences. Look for holiday wreathes for your home or snacks to get you the endurance you need for the marathon meetings – sponsored by other CCHS classes. Also consider making a donation to the Teacher Appreciation effort, in place that day. Watch for emails about donations of meal items or small gift items.
- ❖ **Friday, December 16:** All school dance sponsored by the class of 2006.

CLASS OF 2008 - SOPHOMORES

Thanks to Annette and Tom Bagley for hosting the Sophomore Parent Social in October. It was a great opportunity to meet new people, connect with old.

This month, **Class of 2008ers will sell holiday wreaths during Conference Day, December 8th**. Volunteers, both adults and students, are needed to make wreath decorations and bows prior to the good-smelling event, as well as to help on the day of the sale. Janet Gillies is organizing helpers for this event.

- January 22 – Duck, It’s Dodge ball! Sorry parents, this is a student activity/fundraiser.
- March 25 – An elimination raffle will be part of a parent social, location TBA. Hosting anyone?
- April 7 – 2008 Sponsored Talent Show
- April 29 – The Sophomore Semi held at CCHS. Volunteers are needed to organize decorations, food, chaperones, police detail, and of course, the DJ.
- May 12 - Junior Prom Reception. Prior to leaving CCHS for their prom, the sophomore class traditionally hosts Juniors and their dates in the CCHS library. Students need adult help to organize this event.
- May 27 - Sophomore Class Car Wash

Give one of our stalwart parent advisors a ring if you can volunteer a little or a lot of your time and talents to any of the events listed above.

Brenda Delsener	ebdelsener@comcast.net	371-0486
Kathy DeMarco	dahldemarco@aol.com	371-5680
Jane Fisher	jfishercambridge@concord.com	369-8269
Janet Gillies	gilliesjanet@aol.com	287-5107
Faith Johnson	fajcrc@aol.com	369-9631
Leslie Wagner	lesliewags1@aol.com	371-8060

CLASS OF 2009 – FRESHMEN

Many thanks to organizer Anne Marks and hosts Aaron Abend and Shelly Orenstein (parents of Lucas) for the very pleasant wine tasting and social at the Abend’s home in Carlisle. The evening was well attended and lively, and the parents clearly enjoyed the opportunity to get together. Thanks again, Anne, Aaron and Shelley!

Teacher Conference Day is rapidly approaching. On **Thursday, December 8** when you come for conferences, come prepared to do some holiday shopping. **The Class of 2009 will be selling Amaryllis bulbs (\$15) and CCHS logo clothing (flannel pants - \$20, tee shirts and muscle shirts - \$10).** The bulbs are the highest quality amaryllis plants, which are staged to bloom for the holidays and will make excellent holiday or hostess gifts. Look for the sales tables in the main halls and support our Class with your purchases.

Stay tuned to the email list serve for upcoming January activities:

- January 22 - Freshman class snow tubing event
- January 29 - 2009 Parent social
- January 30 - Refreshment sale at the Summer Opportunities Fair

Best wishes for the holidays,

Claudia Feeney, Cathy Galligan, Patty Hecht, Anne Marks and Kathy Robey
Class of 2009 Parent Reps

Happy



Holidays



December Calendar

1. Free
 2. Frosh Magazine Sale Begins
Report Cards Issued
Homeroom
 3. SAT
Hypnotist in Gym- See article in this newsletter
 4. Free
 5. Principals Coffee @ 8:30 a.m. room A-7
Peer Leadership Bake Sale all week
 6. Free
 7. Financial Aid Meeting – 7:30 p.m. Library
 8. No School for Students – Conference Day for Parents/Class Sales/ Magazine Sale Ends
 9. Fall Musical
Homeroom/Attendance
 10. Fall Musical
 11. Fall Musical
 12. ARB Meeting
Fencing Bake Sale all week
 13. School Committee Meeting/Joint
Newsletter Deadline
 14. SAC Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – main office conference room
 15. Free
 16. Homeroom
 17. Jr. /Sr. Dance
 18. Cross Country Banquet
 19. Free
 20. Chorus Pre Concert Rehearsal
 21. Chorus Concert
Homeroom
 22. Senior/Faculty/Alum Reception – 2:15p.m. Library
Band Concert
 23. Half Day of School
 24. Free
 25. Christmas
 26. Winter Vacation
 27. Winter Vacation
 28. Winter Vacation
 29. Winter Vacation
 30. Winter Vacation
 31. Winter Vacation
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JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS



Place your order by 1 Dec. and receive before Christmas!!

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:
CCHS Cheer Team.
\$35.00 per sweatshirt.

Mail form to:
CCHS Cheer Team, 500 Walden St. Concord, MA 01742.

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PSAT/NMSOT 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 an attempt to protect the privacy of the student, CCHS mails the PSAT scores home along with a pamphlet that is designed to answer questions about the test scores. Expect scores by the winter holiday break.

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 **December 9**.

Students who have a **January 15 deadline** should have their consent forms in the Mrs. Tessari **before** the winter break. Students should see their counselor for assistance in filling out the Record Consent Form.



FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, December 7 from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. the Guidance Department will offer a Financial Aid Workshop in the CCHS Library. Our guest speakers will be Ron and Ryan 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.

A Reminder

CCHS Faculty spends a great deal of time writing college references for seniors. Students should remember to write thank you notes to those members of the faculty who have written them.

Happy Holidays

