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News and Information

What a difference a year makes. This time last year, we were enduring sub-zero wind chill and school closings due to cold. But this week, we have to check the daily forecasted temperature just to determine if a jacket is needed.

Many thanks to **Kathy Maple, Marti Berman, Nancy Flaherty, Karen Sabatino, Sueellen Wheeler and Paula Casey for making the 25th Annual Summer Opportunities Fair, on January 30th**, the best one yet. Our community is fortunate to have these parent volunteers who give so much of their time and effort to organize an event that gives so much back to the Concord-Carlisle community.

The production of ***Barnum*** by the CC Pops is in full production swing, and our basketball, fencing and wrestling teams are keeping both gyms bustling after school. A **school-wide health awareness week starts February 6th**, and don't forget the ***Battle of the Bands, Saturday, February 4th*** in the cafeteria, where our own local bands battle it out with the best.

And speaking of talent, our industrious faculty is bringing back to the stage, after a five year hiatus, another **"Faculty Follies", on Saturday night, May 6th**. More information will be forth coming about this event, even though our faculty is keeping their lips pretty tight about the players and the script. It promises to be an entertaining evening for all!

Our next CCHS **Parent's Association meeting is Monday, March 27th** in the library. Our featured speaker is author, Jenifer Marshall Lippincott who co-wrote "7 things Your Teenager Won't Tell You...and how to talk about them anyway." This program is being co-sponsored with the Center for Parents and Teachers.

Happy Valentine's Day and enjoy the winter break!

Lisa Betancourt, PA President
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Happy Valentine's Day to All





NOTES FROM ART DULONG

There are several matters of varying importance to inform you about.

We are still in the middle of the winter. Despite it being a fairly mild season in comparison to many, we have had two snow days (up to the day I write this). There seems to be confusion about what that means regarding the calendar. Basically, it means we will have two days to make up at the end of the year. The original calendar had us scheduled to finish school on Thursday June 22. With two snow days we will finish school on Monday June 26. That means that finals for the A Block and B Block classes would be held on that day. If we have more snow days the exam dates will get pushed back further. Without doubt the June 26th date will be problematic for many students, families, and, frankly, teachers. CCHS policy is that final exams will not be given earlier than the beginning of the exam period, currently Wednesday 6/21. If you anticipate that the final exam schedule will pose a problem for your child then, in May or early June, you should write me a short note explaining the problem, the dates involved, etc. One of three things will happen. I could deny any request for relief regarding the dates of the exams, a very rare occurrence since there usually is a very good reason for the request. I could inform teachers to “seek a mutually agreeable time within the exam period to administer the exam”. This can only happen if the student will be here for some of the exam period. I could respond that the exams will have to be taken at a later date to be chosen by the student. This later date could be any time during the summer or into September. About now, seniors are cheering because graduation will not change from its scheduled date regardless of the number of snow days.

This year we will have a Health Week the second week of February (2/6-2/10). We have Health Week about every 18 months and have taken different approaches each time we have it. This year we have taken a very broad view of health. Some presentations are about personal, physical health. Some are about creating a healthy society. What we are trying to do with the week is make students aware of their responsibilities to themselves and others. The specifics of the week will be published over the CCHS listserv and throughout the school. There are too many details to print in this space. Except for one assembly day, Wednesday, when each class will have a different presentation, depending on their needs, students will only participate in those things that are in the cafeteria during lunch and those things their teachers bring them to. The week is designed to present lots of things to lots of people, but could not possibly present everything to everyone. On Tuesday night (2/7) there is an evening presentation meant for students and parents. Dr. Richard Kadison, author of “College of the Overwhelmed”, will explore the many stress factors of attending college and offer means for helping students overcome them to succeed in a college environment. There is a small admission fee for this talk.

The budget problems persist. There will definitely be a request for an override (in Concord, not Carlisle) placed before town meeting. The Concord Fincom will support the override request. As is always the case a failed override will be a very serious blow to CCHS. The reduction list includes staff members from every department, meaning larger classes across the board and the possibility of some program consolidation in certain areas. There would be a major change in the department chair role, which would result in a very different administrative structure at CCHS. This part of the effect would be noticed primarily by me with many, many extra responsibilities moving in my direction. However, there would also be less support for parents and students in those circumstances when there might be a difference of opinion between teacher, student, and parent. Department chairs will not have nearly enough time to deal with it. There will be less support for new teachers. Department chairs spend hours every week helping, advising, and supporting new teachers. The end result of a change in the work life of the department chairs would create a very different CCHS. And it would be different in a negative way noticeable to virtually everyone. There would also be a loss of 20% of all supplies, materials, textbook, and equipment accounts. Obviously, this would create a problem. We would lose significant amounts of money from Co-Curricular and Athletic accounts. There is more, but you get the idea. To reach the agreed override request, we already reduced the budget by 400K. To Reduce the budget by an additional 400K will create havoc with our daily operations. I hope when the time comes you will read, listen, and learn the details; then vote what you think is best for you, your child, and Concord. For sure you will be hearing more about this.

Lastly, I want to remind you that I have a coffee monthly, first Monday of the month at 8:30AM. It is an open forum, free flowing conversation. I frequently learn more from the parents than they learn from me. For that reason I hope to see you there.



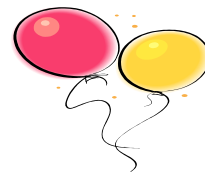
NEED TO BE DISMISSED FROM SCHOOL? If your child needs to be dismissed from school, **we must hear from you before he/she leaves school.** Our dismissal process requires that **a note or phone call is received in the office PRIOR** to your child’s dismissal. They should bring the note in the morning to Mrs. Hammer. If you call in the permission, your child must come to the main office prior to departure to check out with Mrs. Hammer. If you haven’t called the office at that point, your son/daughter will contact you before he/she leaves the building. After the appointment, your son/daughter must check back into the main office and receive a pass back to class.

Attention Parents of All Classes

CGHS All Night Graduation Party Planning Has Begun



Join The Team!



Plans are currently underway for another great night of fun for seniors, that begins hours after graduation and lasts until dawn the next morning – fondly remembered in years past as The Senior Safari. [It is a lot of fun to work on this event](#) so get in touch with event chair, Christine Corr, MCCorr@aol.com, 978-369-8479, or better yet, send an email to CCHSSeniorSafari@aol.com and get involved. [Especially needed are parents of the lower classes](#) to participate, so that in the years to come, when their kids are the ones graduating, they will have the experience to carry on this wonderful tradition of providing a safe and fun way for those new graduates to celebrate this important moment in their lives.

This year's committee chairs are **Kathe Falzer, Activities**; **Laurie Cadigan and Roxanne Zak, Food**; **Ainslee MacHaffie and Susan Sharp, Decorations (naturally!)**; **Karen Sabatino, Treasurer and Tickets**; **Cheryl Baggin and Lisa Philippou, Chaperones**; **Sandy Henderson, Prizes**; **Barbara Lewis, Publicity and Baby Pictures**; **Clary Bestor-Williams, Health and Safety**; and **Priscilla and Howard Sturges, Clean Up**. The way to get in touch with all these folks is to send an email to the Senior Safari address and let them know you would like to join them in their efforts.

The committees only come together for a meeting once a month, from 7:30 – 9:00.

Upcoming dates are: February 14 (Room A-8) - March 14 - April 11 - May 16 in Room A-7. So mark your calendars now.

Baby and toddler photos of the members of the senior class will be posted in the windows of the library beginning as soon as the students return from April Vacation, so start looking for a cute pic now. You will be asked to send disposable copies, enlarged to no bigger than 8 x 10 if you wish.



Seniors Save the Date - Saturday, March 18th

The annual **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** will be held on **Saturday, March 18th**, and we **need your help** to serve a traditional corned beef dinner to the Concord and Carlisle Senior Citizens. They look forward to this luncheon and especially the interaction with you. You will receive community service hours for helping out. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile event. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

CCHS Battle of the Bands

The **CCHS Battle of the Bands**, sponsored and produced by **WIQH**, comes to the CCHS cafeteria **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**. Bigger than ever, this year's Battle features 10 performing groups instead of the usual 8.

The acts in the lineup, **ALL CC-BASED**, are among the most musically diverse groups to play the Battle in years. No, there aren't any chamber orchestras, but there will be **DANIEL GERBER'S** classically-inspired solo synthesizer performance. **"JARED & THE FRESHMAN"** will lean toward classic rock. You'll hear the lush keyboard based alternative rock sound of **"PAX ROMANA"**. **"YOUR NAME HERE"**, featuring **ALYSE VELLTURO**, will perform original acoustic guitar songs while **"THE RETROGRADES"** set of original compositions will move toward the Indie Rock end of the spectrum. If you enjoy jam bands, then you'll like **"THE DANCING HEAD ORCHESTRA"** and **"UNCLE BABUSHKA"**. **"DISCORD"** will be back again this year with their full-on punk rock set. **"JIMMY AND THE STINKBOMBS"** will get everybody dancing to their Ska sound right from the start. And **"MAKE YOUR OWN"** returns with their high-energy rock/punk performance.

The **BATTLE OF THE BANDS** is, again, **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**. Doors open at 7:00 and the show starts promptly at 7:30. **TICKETS GO ON SALE AT CCHS STARTING MONDAY, JANUARY 30, FOR \$10**. Tickets will also be on sale at the door for \$12. The Battle is open to the public. Last year's show sold out so get your tickets early!

By the way, it's not too late to get your **WIQH "HOMETOWN TREASURES" COUPON BOOKS**. Filled with discounts from Carlisle and Concord merchants, the coupon books can save you loads of money. Most of the deals are valid through the end of 2006 so you've got plenty of time to take advantage of the savings. Each book is only \$15 and the proceeds help support WIQH's operation. If you'd like to buy a book or two, see a WIQH member in your neighborhood or call WIQH at 978-369-2440.

Ned Roos
WIQH Station Manager
Concord Carlisle High School
(978)-369-2440

Reminders

- **Students who show signs of illness should remain at home for their own protection and that of others.**
- Except in an emergency, a student who becomes ill at school must obtain a pass from a teacher before going to the Health Office.
- The school nurse is available to discuss health concerns with parents during regular school hours.
- Any student who becomes ill or is injured during the school day must report to the nurse's office. Under no circumstances should an ill or injured student leave CCHS without seeing the school nurse.
- Any student who is returning to school following a contagious disease such as chicken pox, infectious mononucleosis, etc., must be readmitted to school by the school nurse or by a doctor's note which should be given to the nurse on re-entry. Any student returning to school with a cast, crutches, braces, etc., must be seen by the school nurse. Students who need to be excused from physical education class for a medical reason must see the school nurse to obtain a PE excuse. If more than one week is necessary, a doctor's note is required with the diagnosis and the length of time the student is to be excused. The note should be given to the school nurse, who will then issue a PE excuse to the student.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free 2. Free 3. COURSE SELECTION DISTRIBUTION
Jr/Trivia Contest – Cafeteria
HOMEROOM/ATTENDANCE 4. WIQH Battle of the Bands – Cafeteria 5. Free 6. Sr/Valentine Carnation Flower-gram sale begins
PRINCIPALS COFFEE – 8:30 A.M. ROOM A-7 7. Back up date Metco senior post secondary planning 8. Open House for 8th Grade Parents 9. Free 10. Report Cards Issued
Sr. ski trip begins
Homeroom 11. Free 12. Sr. skit trip returns 13. ARB Meeting
3rd Wing Bake Sale begins 14. CPS School Committee Meeting | <p>Carnation-grams delivered
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. SAC Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – main office conf room
Concord Sped Pac – See Flyer in this newsletter 16. Free 17. HOMEROOM/ATTENDANCE 18. Free 19. Free 20. PRESIDENTS DAY – NO SCHOOL 21. Vacation 22. Vacation 23. Vacation 24. Vacation 25. Free 26. Free 27. Dress Rehearsal
Homeroom (5 minute)
Classes Resume 28. Joint School Committee Meeting
Dress Rehearsal |
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REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED FEBRUARY 10, 2006

Second quarter **report cards will be distributed** to all students on **Friday, February 10th**. Parents are reminded that reports cards are not mailed home. Report cards are given to students to bring home to their parents. Please encourage your son or daughter to **check the honor roll list** that is posted on the main office window when report cards are issued. If he/she does not find his/ her name listed **but believes that it should be**, he/she should see **Dr. Weinstein as soon as possible**.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE INFORMATION

First and foremost it is important to understand that we believe strongly that a student's attendance in class is of primary importance. We track it closely and try to be as accurate as possible. Penalties for unexcused absence are serious and include loss of credit. Tracking accuracy is to some extent dependent on cooperation from you and receiving good information from you. Certainly, when timely calls are made or notes delivered our system works extremely well. In those instances when the call did not get through or the note did not get delivered there are predictable problems. Our last attempt to gather the correct information is the distribution of attendance reports to the students every two weeks. The homeroom attendance report schedule is included in the calendar section of this newsletter. The attendance report indicates both excused and unexcused absences for the previous two weeks. Students are asked to bring the reports home for your attention. The Handbook for Students and Parents describes the process for clearing up mistakes. Please help your child to understand the importance of good attendance as well as the importance of timely follow up when the attendance report contains an error. Contact Mrs. Merry at 978-341-2490 x7103 if you have questions or concerns.

All students should

- Check their community service hours, especially juniors and seniors.
- Clear up attendance issues as soon as possible.
- Return all materials to teachers if you have completed the class.



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**. You can also sign up for a message to be sent to your cell phone. **Log on to the Channel 5 website at www.thebostonchannel.com and follow the instructions to sign up.** 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.

COURSE SELECTION MATERIALS TO BE DISTRIBUTED ON FEBRUARY 3RD.

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will receive Program of Studies Booklets in homeroom on February 3rd so that they will have time to read the book, consider classes for next year and consult with their teachers about which courses might be best for them.

Teachers in departments which have sequential courses, such as math and foreign languages, will provide specific recommendations about which level of the next course appears most appropriate in light of the student's performance so far. Science teachers will make recommendations about levels, as well, and will also help students determine which science might be best for the coming year. English teachers provide current sophomores with a suggested set of courses for junior and senior year so that a tentative two-year plan can be made. This approach is particularly relevant for social studies students since some elective are offered only on an every other year basis. Art and music teachers can help with recommendations, as well.

Along with course information, students will receive a course selection sheet to be used to register for next year's classes. All of the sheets are collected on March 10th.

Based on student choices and available staff, decisions about the number of sections of each course to be offered are made. It is very important that choices be made very carefully. When we cannot provide first choices for every student, we schedule on a priority basis with next year's seniors being scheduled first, then juniors, sophomores, and freshmen.

The back of the course selection sheet is very important to the sign-up process, for it asks students to indicate a second choice for each of the courses listed on the front of the sheet. In the event we do not have enough sections to accommodate everyone who wants a specific course; we will provide the second choice course. Given the state regulations for 990 hours of structured learning time, it is important that students understand that signing up for anything just to fill out the sheet with the idea of dropping the course and substituting courses later on, no longer works.

If you have questions, please call the department heads or your child's teacher(s) or counselor. We are here to help and look forward to working with you.

2006 CONCORD CARLISLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1

Applications for the Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund (CCSF) must be submitted by April 1, 2006. Applications are available online at CCScholarshipFund.org and in the main office at CCHS. Visit the website for detailed application instructions and links to the CCSS and FAFSA materials.

The CCSF is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1966 dedicated to providing scholarships to deserving students based on need. Applications to CCSF are shared with other local organizations, including the Concord Women's Club, the West Concord Women's Club, the VFW, The Concord Public Library and the Carlisle Garden Club, which all award scholarships.

Please direct any questions to our website: CCScholarshipFund.org.

AP Sign -Ups will begin on **March 1st**. Each test is \$82.00. See Mrs. Trainor in the main office for more information.

Be sure to read your **Program of Studies Booklet** carefully when choosing your courses for next year. Fill out your **practice form first** and once you are sure of your selections, fill out the **final form to pass in**. If you have any questions speak with your teacher, the department chairperson, or your guidance counselor.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS— PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The Concord Police Department and Concord Fire Department ask that motorists obey and respect the **No Parking signs that are posted**. Should an emergency occur, it is important that emergency vehicles have access and not be impeded by illegally parked vehicles. The fine for parking in a No Parking zone is \$15.00. Thank you for your cooperation



SUBSCRIBING TO THE LIST SERVE:

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

CONCORD -CARLISLE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Concord-Carlisle Community Education will host 200+ courses for the community this winter. They are all self-funded with student fees. Upcoming ones of note include:

- **SAT PREP - KAPLAN TEST PREP**

Community Education is again hosting Kaplan's SAT test preparation programs at CCHS for Spring SAT's. Kaplan's program will prepare students to excel on the SAT, a fundamental component to the college admission process. Each class meets from 6:00 – 8:30 on Tuesdays & Thursdays, Feb. 9 – May 2 or March 16 – May 4. To enroll call 800-KAP-TEST. Fee \$899.

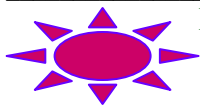
- **ONLINE RESEARCH: SCHOLARSHIPS**

Ray Gerke, Concord Free Public Library. Students will use the Librarians' Internet Index as well as selected webliographies to find and explore financial aid resources available to college students. The course includes the library's print resources and CollegeSource, a subscription database. Meets Wednesday, February 15, 7:00-9:00 PM at the CCHS Mac Lab. Fee \$12.

- **MAXIMIZE YOUR COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID**

Don Anderson, College Funding Advisors. This one night workshop is a must for all parents of college-bound high school students, including freshman and sophomores. In this class the college financial aid process will be demystified and participants will learn how to access the more than \$90 billion in financial aid dollars, monies that are even available to "high income" families and business owners. College Funding Advisors has been presenting seminars about the college financial aid system for twenty years. Meets Wednesday, March 8, 7:00-9:00 PM, Fee \$20.

To learn more about these classes as well as other offerings from Community Ed, please visit <http://www.ace.colonial.net> or to enroll, call Concord-Carlisle Community Education at 978-318-1540 (318-1432 nights).



MESSAGES- We do not deliver messages to students in classrooms. It is up to all students to check the message window in the main office daily.

REMINDER FOR SENIORS

Please see Mrs. Tessari once you have heard from any of the colleges on your application list.

CORI FORMS

You will not be able to volunteer at CCHS without an updated Cori Form. Please see Mrs. Coleman in the main office to fill out a form.

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*

Swim/Dive Clinic

CCHS SWIM COACH, **JERRY MOSS**, and DIVE COACH, **TRACEY BIRD**, will run two clinics for Concord and Carlisle students in **GRADES 5–8**. This is a great opportunity for younger girls and boys to learn what it takes to be a competitive diver and swimmer on the CCHS Swim and Dive Team. The **Dive Clinic will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2006 from 11 am to 1pm at Atkinson Pool in Sudbury**. *Coach Bird has coached several state and sectional champions, including Luke Henesy, Rebecca Jenkinson, and Sarah Landry*. She will be assisted by her top divers. Students in this clinic will learn the fundamentals of diving and will also be able to observe the CCHS Dive Team in exhibition. Space in this clinic is limited to 24. Parents will need to drop off and pick up students at Atkinson Pool, 40 Fairbanks Road, Sudbury.

The **Competitive Swim Clinic will be held Monday, February 6, 5:00 – 7:15pm at Minuteman Technical High School in Lexington**. Coach Moss and some of his top swimmers will run this clinic. The Swim Clinic will cover stroke mechanics for all four competitive strokes, along with flat starts, relay starts, and turns. Parents will need to drop off and pick up students at Minuteman Tech at 758 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA 02421. The space for this clinic is limited to 48.

THE FEE FOR EACH CLINIC IS \$25.00 PER PERSON.

Please make the check payable to
“FRIENDS OF SWIMMING AND DIVING”
and mail the check to

**SHERRY CABOT
70 REVOLUTIONARY RD
CONCORD, MA 01742**

Please **mark the student’s name, the name of the clinic, student’s grade and parent’s phone number on the check**
Please refer questions to Sherry Cabot at (978)369-2459.

**THESE TWO CLINICS ARE PART OF FUNDRAISING EFFORTS TO BENEFIT THE
CCHS Swimming & Diving Team**

METCO ANNUAL DESSERT & DISCUSSION - 2006

KEEPIN’ IT REAL: SCHOOL SUCCESS BEYOND BLACK AND WHITE

WHERE: *Concord-Carlisle High School - Library
500 Walden Street, Concord MA 01742*

WHEN: *Thursday, March 2, 2006
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm*

PRESENTER: *Dr. Prudence L. Carter
Associate Professor of Sociology - Harvard University*

Dr. Carter will discuss her new book, providing us with insights on the influence of race and ethnicity on the culture and achievement of African American and Latino students. She will explore some assumptions about minority student academic engagement and school success, and identify strategies to help students meet expectations. Also, Dr. Carter will answer questions from the audience and our panel of readers.

TICKET ORDER FORM

Ticket sales begin Monday, January 30, 2006.



Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check (made payable to CCHS Music) and order form to Erica Karban, CCHS, 500 Walden Street, Concord, MA 01742 or by dropping a check and order form off at the high school (in Ms. Karban's mailbox in either the main office or math office). Tickets for Barnum can not be purchased online.

All tickets are first come, first serve and are \$15 each. All ticket sales are final – no refunds will be given for unused tickets. A seating chart can be found at <http://ccpops.org>. While requests for sections or rows may be made, please understand that we cannot accommodate any specific seat requests at this time. If nothing is requested, you will be assigned the best available. All tickets will be held at the will-call table (near the entrance) to be picked up on the night of each performance. If you are requesting tickets for multiple people and need them held under different names, please be sure to specify that information on the order form.

If you have any questions regarding tickets or handicapped seating, please contact Erica Karban at ekarban@colonial.net or (978) 341-2490 x 7299.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____ *(please write in all caps & put slashes through the number zero)*
(You will only be contacted if there is a problem with your ticket request)

Friday, 3/3/06, 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm)

Number of tickets: _____ Hold tickets under the name of: _____

Section/row: _____

Saturday, 3/4/06, 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm)

Number of tickets: _____ Hold tickets under the name of: _____

Section/row: _____

Sunday, 3/5/06, 2:30pm (doors open at 2:00pm)

Number of tickets: _____ Hold tickets under the name of: _____

Section/row: _____

Friday, 3/10/06, 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm)

Number of tickets: _____ Hold tickets under the name of: _____

Section/row: _____

Saturday, 3/11/06, 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm)

Number of tickets: _____ Hold tickets under the name of: _____

Section/row: _____

Sunday, 3/12/06, 2:30pm (doors open at 2:00pm)

Number of tickets: _____ Hold tickets under the name of: _____

Section/row: _____

Reminder: • No tickets will be mailed • All tickets will be held at will-call for each night's performance



CLASS

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There are still a number of seniors who have not purchased a Cap and Gown. A list is posted on the window in the main office. Seniors should bring a check for \$30.00 to Mrs. Coleman as soon as possible. If you are **not planning on participating** in the graduation ceremony, **please see Mrs. Coleman.** If you **have a cap and gown** from a previous graduate that you will be using, **please see Mrs. Coleman** to have your name taken off the list. You will still need to purchase a 2006 tassel. **Remember, without a Cap and Gown you will not be allowed to participate in Graduation.**

Hopefully all the households in the class received the comprehensive postcard planner sent out last month.

In February, the students will be selling **'CARNATION-GRAMS'** beginning on the 8th, then distributing them on Valentines Day.

The **CLASS SKI TRIP** is undergoing a change. School administration made a decision that effected plans for a two night stay at Mt. Snow. Our officers are now working with the 15 students who signed up to go on the trip, to see what the majority would like to do. Students should get in touch with President Sean Morris if they are interested in participating.

On **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 there will be a WINE TASTING PARENT SOCIAL FUNDRAISER** at the Morris', 94 College Road, beginning at 7 p.m., \$25/person. Please R.S.V.P. to Jane, 978-369-7626, JTMconcord@aol.com, and send a check made out to "CCHS Class of 2006 Parent Fund" to Jane Turner Michael, 39 Partridge Lane, Concord. Hors d'oeuvres gratefully welcomed.

Saturday, March 18th, our senior class will serve the senior citizens of our communities to a wonderful traditional **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** in the cafeteria. Students will be asked to volunteer beginning at 9:30 and the event will be over by 2:00. Look for more information in emails. Community Service hours will be given.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 – SPRING SOCIAL AT THE WILSON'S.

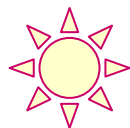
APRIL 24 – 26 – REFRESHMENT SALE AT CONCORD TOWN MEETING - STUDENT FUNDRAISER.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 – UNPLUGGED!

Barbara Lewis
blglewis@comcast.net
978-287-0049

Class 2007

Check out the article about the Trivia Contest sponsored by the Class 2007 – Don't miss this event, it is loads of fun for everyone!



LOST AND FOUND- All students are reminded that the lost and found box is located in the cafeteria with some overflow in the main office. Items will be sent to Goodwill at the end of the month. Check the boxes if you are missing anything.

THE NEXT BIG THING:
DINNER DANCE AND ELIMINATION RAFFLE
FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH
SEE FLYER IN THIS NEWSLETTER



Class 2008

By the time you read this, the Dodgeball Tournament will have slammed its way into the gym. Thanks to Class Faculty Advisors, Laurie Giunta and Dan McGrath for propelling this activity forward.

THE NEXT BIG THING:

A DINNER DANCE AND ELIMINATION RAFFLE, FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH.

This over-21 evening is one of the only fundraising events the sophomore class is sponsoring this year. It's a way to have fun and support the class. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Each ticket admits two people to a dinner and party. There will be a live band/DJ! As the numbers are drawn, they are eliminated from the raffle. The last one drawn wins \$10,000! Split the \$100 ticket cost, and split the winnings. See elsewhere in the newsletter for more information and an order form, or go to the 2008 Class link on Laurie Giunta's web page -- go to the CCHS Math Department web page via www.colonial.net, and click on Laurie's name.

Kate Carr
C. C. Pools
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Class 2009

Thanks to the families who have responded to the call for host families for METCO students. We're still looking for a few more families and it would be great to have several families with freshman girls. Can you help? As you may recall, students in the Class of 2009 have been working to match up each METCO classmate with a host family in Concord or Carlisle. This is very helpful to students, giving them a chance to better know a classmate, and enabling our Boston students to more fully participate in activities at CCHS. It's also enjoyable for the host family, who may occasionally have a student stay overnight before or after an event, or give a student a ride from time to time. Mady Bilodeau, our Class President, is spearheading this effort and you can contact her at Sportyshorty2816@aol.com if you'd like to be a host family.

Efforts are underway to schedule a Class of 2009 tubing party in the next month. Stay tuned to the 2009 List Serve for more information!

A few dates to note on your calendar –

- **April 30** – Spring Social for senior citizens in Concord and Carlisle, hosted by the freshman class. The class will be looking for student volunteers, as well as parental support.
- **May 13** – Plant sale. We are looking for a chairperson for this event. Can you help? Thanks (and congratulations) to Ainslee MacHaffie, who had planned to chair the plant sale until learning her daughter is graduating from college on this day!

For more information or to sign on for these events, please send an email to Claudia Feeney (Claudia.Feeney@sanofi-aventis.com).

Back by popular demand - another shipment of CCHS Flannel pants has arrived. If you'd like to purchase a pair (\$20/pair), you may contact Cathy Galligan (catgalligan@comcast.net or 978-369-5003) to make arrangements.

We wish everyone an enjoyable, safe and relaxing February vacation!

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

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.
- 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.

Would You Like To Win \$10,000 !

HELP SUPPORT THE CCHS CLASS OF 2008 by participating in an “ELIMINATION RAFFLE.”

WHAT IS THAT? Only 250 tickets are sold. Each ticket admits two people to a dinner and party. There will be a live band/DJ! As the numbers are drawn, they are eliminated from the raffle. The last one drawn wins \$10,000! (Must be 21 to attend event, but only 18 to buy a ticket.)

IS THAT IT? There are other options. When we get down to the last 10 people, they could opt to split the money! Or the last 5 people! Or the last 2 people!

How? You can get your ticket by filling out the bottom portion of this form and sending it back with your check to the Class of 2008. An actual ticket with your prize number will be recorded by us and mailed to you.

HOW MUCH? Each ticket is \$100. You can split the cost with 1, 2, up to 10 people. But, you have to split the winnings too!

WHEN? The dinner/dance will be March 24, 2006.

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

1 or 2 (circle one) will attend
 Will not be able to attend
(check below)

When the elimination gets down to 10 people, all 10 have to be present to agree to split the winnings or we continue eliminating. If you are not present that night, we need to know if you are willing to split or not. Please check 1, 2, or all three boxes below and above to indicate your vote, in case you are one of the last few winners!

- I am willing to split the winnings among 10 people
- I am willing to split the winnings among 5 people
- I am willing to split the winnings among 2 people

Make Checks Payable and Send to:

CCHS Class of 2008
Concord-Carlisle High School
C/O Laurie Giunta
500 Walden Street
Concord, MA 01742

Third Annual, Town-Wide

*Sponsored by the CCHS
Class of 2007*

TRIVIA CONTEST

Friday, February 3rd 7:30-10pm CCHS Cafeteria

Tickets: \$6 students, \$10 adults



Teams: must be four - six people

**TICKETS ON SALE DURING LUNCH
BLOCKS OR AT THE DOOR**

Teams will sit at tables in the cafeteria
(no stage - no stage fright)

Sample Trivia Categories

Movies, TV, musicals, children's videos,

Current music, classical music, books, plays,

Sports, current events, math & science, ...



Students, faculty, sports teams, clubs, businesses, and organizations all over Concord will compete for the chance to be crowned **TRIVIA CHAMPIONS**, plus there will be prizes for the top teams!

Questions will be from various time periods, so your team has a better chance if you have a mix of ages, backgrounds & skills. If you don't have a full team, we will organize teams at the event.



Email any questions to:
legrillon@comcast.net





Changes to the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004

A Workshop presented by...

Liz Hopkinson and Melody Orfei

Of Triad Advocacy and our Concord PAC

Both are Special Education Advocates Trained by Mass. Advocacy Center (MAC) and the Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN).

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Minuteman Arc For Human Services

130C Baker Avenue Ext., Concord MA

7:00-9:00 pm

In July 2005, changes to the Individuals with Disabilities Act went into effect. The law entitles every child who has special needs receive a free and appropriate public education tailored to the individual student's needs. Parents are not only expected to participate in their child's educational programs and healthcare, but also invited to participate in policy level discussions about these services. In order to be effective, parents need to know their rights under the law and how to exercise those rights.

Join Liz and Melody as they highlight the changes to the law and share their expertise. They have presented testimony on changes to our Special Education Regulation, at public hearing of the Massachusetts Department of Education and about the changes at the federal level to IDEA-2004 to the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education.

This workshop is sponsored by The Concord Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SPED PAC) and is free and open to the public.

For more information and directions or if you are interested in learning more or getting involved in Concord SPED PAC, visit us on the web at www.concordspedpac.org.



GLITTER AND SHINE

AT THE CEF/CSA AUCTION!

SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2006 for the CEF/CSA "Silver and Gold Auction" to benefit the Carlisle Public School. This year the auction will be held at the Westford Regency Ballroom, where we will offer a full evening of cocktails, dinner, and dancing to a live band. Both silent and live auctions will give opportunities to bid on items both large and small. We are currently seeking donations of all kinds.

Call Lauren Bakewell (978-287-0318) or visit www.carlisseschoolassociation.org/auction.html

“Guidance Bulletin”

February 2006



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



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Junior College Board Testing

College-bound juniors should plan to begin college entrance exams this spring. All college-bound juniors should take the SAT I, which is available on three dates. Students who are applying to certain schools may also be required to take the SAT II: Subject Tests, which are available on either of the final dates. It is not possible to take both versions of the test on the same test date. Students should consult their guidance counselor for advice on testing.

Many schools do not require the SAT II: Subject Tests. Those schools that do require may specify which exams they want. Because these tests are often related to classroom work, juniors are usually advised to take the exams as late in the junior year as possible.

Students can apply on-line, by phone, or in writing. Registration information is available in the Guidance Office. *There is an additional charge for late registration and preferred test centers may not be available.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
April 1, 2006	SAT I/SAT II	February 24, 2006
May 6, 2006	SAT I/SAT II	March 31, 2006
June 3, 2006	SAT I/SAT II	April 28, 2006

The ACT vs. The SAT

There are two major testing services in the United States that administer college entrance exams, **The College Board**, which gives the **SAT I and SAT II** exams and **The American College Testing Program**, which gives the **ACT** assessment test. The SAT's are required mostly by colleges in the East and West. Most colleges in the South and Mid-West have historically required the ACT's. Almost all colleges now accept either test and, at many colleges, **the ACT can be substituted for both the SAT I and SAT II.**

Information detailing the differences between the ACT and the SAT is available in the Guidance Office. A conversion chart, which facilitates comparison of SAT and ACT scores, is also available. Because SAT and ACT test dates never conflict, it is possible to take both exams, although there are fewer ACT test centers. For those juniors who wish to take the ACT tests, this spring's testing and application deadlines are **April 8, 2006 (March 3, 2006), and June 10, 2006 (May 5, 2006).**

Course Selection Groups

All freshmen, sophomores and juniors are reminded to attend the small group course selection meetings with their counselor which take place during February and March. The small group meetings will review graduation requirements and help students select courses for the 2004-2005 school year.

Students will receive appointment letters in the mail about one week before the scheduled group meetings. Course selection materials will be distributed on February 4, 2005 and collected on March 11, 2005 during homeroom.

Juniors	week of February 6, 2006
Sophomores	week of February 13, 2006
Freshmen	week of February 27, 2006



Junior College Conferences

Juniors will receive mailings from counselors inviting them to a junior scheduling meeting in February and a college planning meeting in March. Juniors are encouraged at both these meetings to follow up with individual counselor meetings. Counselors are available to meet with parents by appointment. Please call the guidance secretaries at extension 7108 or extension 7109 one week in advance.

Internet College Research

The Internet has radically changed the way we seek and obtain information. For example, researching colleges no longer requires writing numerous letters to colleges requesting information and applications or thumbing through piles of catalogues and handbooks seeking information. Obtaining information about colleges and even applying to them through the Internet have readily become the preferred method of most high school students.

The **CCHS Guidance Web Site**, which can be found at www.colonial.net/guidance, presents students and parents with much information about a variety of guidance-related topics organized mostly around grade levels.

Major features include a calendar providing dates and descriptions of guidance programs, an archive of the *Guidance Bulletins*, the monthly Guidance newsletter, information about the college search process, college entrance exams, and financial aid, along with links to hundreds of other useful sites and information on the Internet. These links may contain additional information and resources for further research.

Depending on the needs of the individual, the web site can help students:

- Initiate thinking about career goals or college interests.
- Assist students with the post-secondary planning process.
- Connect to specific information about most U.S. colleges and universities.
- Provide information to students with specific interests or special needs.
- Provide links to other web sites on the Internet.

While the web site currently contains many pages of information, it remains a work in progress with many more pages still to be added in other important areas.

Naviance

Naviance is a web-based college search program that allows students to take a career interest test, do a college search, and enter test scores and GPA to develop a list of colleges. Juniors and their parents were mailed a registration number earlier this year. If those numbers have been lost or misplaced, contact your guidance counselor (email). Counselors will be using the Naviance program in the March junior groups.

