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Parents' Association News and Information

March looks to be a very busy month here at CCHS. The construction at the new Swim and Fitness Center is almost completed- how different it will be without having concrete and dump trucks pulling in and out all day. Winter sports are finished and here comes spring!

The **2006 Annual Appeal Campaign** has begun with letters mailed to all CCHS families. Every year, with monies raised through this campaign, the CCHS Parents' Association gives extra support to our faculty and staff members with grants awarded to fund innovative programs and activities for our students. Over \$51,000 in grant money has been awarded since last year's fundraiser. No donation is too small! The spring grants review starts this month, so please help us keep this wonderful program growing.

Now on to what is going on in March! The musical ***Barnum***, will be performed **March 3-5, and 10-12**, with four evening and two matinee performances. An **all-school dance sponsored by the Class of 2007 is set for Friday March 17th**, followed by a **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon for the Concord and Carlisle senior citizens on Saturday, March 18th**. The **Class of 2008 has their Dinner Dance and Elimination Raffle Friday, March 24th**- look for more details about this fun event in this newsletter.

The next **All Night Graduation Party Committee meeting is March 14th 7:30 in room A-8**. It is not too late to get involved with this exciting event, and give our graduating seniors a night they will never forget! Parents with students in all grade levels are encouraged to help, so please volunteer today by e-mailing CCHSSeniorSafari@aol.com.

Ms. Jenifer Marshall Lippincott, co-author of "7 THINGS YOUR TEENAGER WON'T TELL YOU... and How to Talk About Them Anyway," will be our guest speaker Monday, March 27th at the CCHS Parent's Association meeting in the CCHS Library. We will have a brief business meeting at 7 pm, followed by Ms.Lippincott's presentation at 7:30 pm. Both Willow Books, 279 Great Road, Acton (phone: 978-266-0066) and Concord Bookshop, 65 Main Street, Concord (phone: 978-369-2405) should have the paperback in stock. Many thanks to Sally Quinn Reed and the staff at the Center for Parents and Teachers for co-hosting this event with us.

Looking ahead, our faculty is in deep secrecy about the script for the **May 6th production of the "Faculty Follies,"** but if you want to be a part of this historic production, buy an ad in the playbill or **ACADEMEBILL!!!** Ads can be for a business, for friends, or just for fun! Look for more information in this newsletter!

The Parents' Association is also sponsoring a Red Sox Raffle, winning ticket to be drawn the night of the "Faculty Follies". We are looking for families and/or businesses to donate a 2006 Red Sox home game (2 or 4 tickets), to be pooled for a total of 12 Red Sox games. All proceeds will be designated for a special CCHS project. If you can donate tickets to a spring, summer or fall game, please let Rosie Oberg, Sandra Curran, Margaret Franklin or myself know!

Thanks, and enjoy the sunshine!

Lisa Betancourt, PA President
978-369-3454



CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – TIME TO THINK SPRING!



CCHS has a great group of gardeners that care for the gardens at the school. Each of us claims a small piece of the landscaping to work on independently, or in teams. We made great progress last fall, expanding our efforts into the cafeteria courtyard, clearing and planting beds that had been neglected for too long. Look for new spring bulbs to brighten many corners of the school grounds this spring.

Some of these gardens that were worked on now need someone to care for them, and there are other areas we would like to add to our agenda. If you are interested in joining this committee, we would love to have you. Contact Barbara Lewis, 978-287-0049, blglewis@comcast.net to get started. You do not have to be a master gardener to contribute in very important ways to the committee and to our school. Everyone is welcome.





NOTES FROM ART DULONG

The February vacation was certainly a terrific break from work routine for me. I hope it proved to be the same for the students. However, we came back with a bang.

Some of you are aware that on a very cold February day students and staff were forced outside for a fire drill. It actually was not a drill. That would be crazy! What happened is that a valve on a furnace malfunctioned spewing steam throughout the boiler room, tripping the heat sensors in that area of the building. We had to evacuate because until a full investigation of the area could be completed we did not know the nature of the problem. I am sorry for any inconvenience or discomfort caused by the evacuation, but it was necessary to ensure safety.

Along those same lines, everyone is aware that during the past few years the United States has become a nation that is constantly concerned with safety and preparedness. A requirement of the federal and state government security program is that all schools prepare for every eventuality. In Concord the fire chief and the police chief have requested that all schools practice at least one Lock Down Drill during this school year. A Lock Down Drill is a safety exercise to prepare for the possibility of a threat within the building itself. We will be practicing one at CCHS sometime within the next few weeks.

A Lock Down drill is different from a fire drill. It begins with an announcement over the PA system, not an alarm. The announcement will state "This is a lock down". At that time all students within a classroom will remain in the classroom and follow the directions of the teacher. These directions will essentially be an effort to remove students from the sight lines of interior windows. Students in corridors or lavatories will move into a nearby classroom at the request of the teacher. Students in other areas of the building that are more wide open such as the cafe or the library will follow the directions of the faculty in charge of that area. Once the Lock Down drill begins student must remain completely silent. No cell phones or other communication devices will be used.

As we begin the drill the police are notified. They will come as quickly as possible. They will patrol or inspect every corridor and room of the building to ensure safety, security and our compliance with all their regulations. We will be in lock down mode until the police declare the drill to be complete. That is likely to mean 20 minutes or so for the drill. If it were an actual lock down with an actual threat the time frame would be indeterminate, but the rules for the drill would be the same. If it were an actual lockdown the entire campus would be secured with no persons or vehicles allowed access until the police determined the event was successfully contained. I know that for some even the practice of these things can be unsettling. I hope you understand that CCHS is an incredibly safe place because of the wonderful people who attend and work here. Practicing drills such as the one described will only make us safer.

Changing the topic entirely. You are probably aware that town meeting 2005 approved the expenditure of funds for new interior and exterior bleachers. The new interior bleachers are being manufactured and will be installed this spring, probably in May. The new exterior bleachers are being manufactured but will not be installed until this summer. We were originally planning to have them in place prior to graduation, but the timeline was tight. We chose the summer to ensure that we would not, under any circumstances, enter graduation without bleachers. Please be patient.

One other thing. During the last week of March we will be administering the MCAS tests. This will be disruptive for the whole school, not just sophomores; just another thing to be patient about. Hopefully it will all go smoothly.

With that harbinger of spring I will close hoping that we have a real spring allowing students the opportunity to enjoy wonderful outdoor weather. The students have been great, but there are the usual end of winter signs that they would like more outdoor time.

CONCORD-CARLISLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Applications for the Concord-Carlisle Scholarship Fund are available online at www.CCscholarshipfund.org. Students seeking support for the 2006-2007 academic year must submit their applications by April 1, 2006. A complete application must include a Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The Concord-Carlisle Scholarship fund has been providing support to deserving local students for nearly 40 years. In 2005 over \$160,000, was awarded to local students to help finance their college educations. Applicants must reside in Concord or Carlisle or have attended school in one of these towns. METCO students are eligible.

The CCSF Scholarships are awarded strictly based on need not merit. However, applications are shared with many local organizations such as, the Concord Rotary, the West Concord Women's Club, the Concord Women's Club, the VFW, the Concord Public Library, Welch's, Rivercrest Deaconess, the Concord Chamber of Commerce and the Carlisle Garden Club, which award merit and need based scholarships.

Please direct questions about applications or donations to ccsf@colonial.net.

Teri Hale, CCSF Trustee
Denis Cleary, CCSF Trustee

Would you like to be in the Loop?

Subscribe to **Teacher Notes**, the e-mail newsletter of the
Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association.

Email cctabee@yahoo.com to join, or for more information.

ALL NIGHT LIVE!

(CLASS OF 2006 – FORMERLY SENIOR SAFARI)

The **SENIOR CLASS ALL NIGHT GRADUATION PARTY** is going to be an exciting way for all the brand new graduates of CCHS to celebrate and bid farewell to their high school years. On **Saturday, June 10th**, they will spend the night, from 9:30 until 5 in the morning, sharing laughs and fun, food and music, games and entertainment with all their friends.

Parent volunteers are involved from conception to clean-up, spending months putting all the pieces together, setting up on Friday the 9th, chaperoning and serving, and even helping out with some of the activities, all through the night, and then packing it all away for the next class to enjoy the following year. Parents of seniors are never asked to work during the night at the event; this is done by parents of underclassmen. Then the parents of seniors arrive early Sunday morning to work together getting it all cleaned up.

This is such a wonderful event to be a part of. Volunteers work on the following committees, so if you would like to help out in any of these ways, just get in touch with the chairs.

FOOD (Laurie Cadigan, Laurie@ConcordRE.com),
ACTIVITIES (Kathe Falzer, lkfalzer@comcast.net),
DECORATIONS (Ainslee MacHaffie, JMACHAFF8@aol.com),
CHAPERONES (Cheryl Baggen, CJBaggen@comcast.net) and
CLEAN UP (Priscilla Sturges, PWsturges@comcast.net)

Senior students and their parents will be receiving a mailing in March with more information about **ALL NIGHT LIVE**, as well as a ticket order form. Tickets will be \$25, but to cover the costs of this huge event, donations will also be requested.

One last point? Start searching for that special baby picture of your senior to be displayed in the windows of the library after April break. We ask that you send a disposable copy that will not need to be returned; many choose to enlarge to 5x7 or 8x10.

If you have questions or would like to contact Event Chair Christine Corr, please send an email to allnightlive@aol.com.

*In this issue –
CPS/CCRS School Calendar
for 2006-2007 – Print it out and
keep it for reference.*

*The **Honor Roll** has been posted on the window in the main office. Please check the list as soon as you can. If you feel your name should be on the list you must see Dr. Weinstein now before the final list is published in the newspaper.*



Class of 2006 We Need Your Help



Class of 2006 - St. Patrick's Luncheon

We still need Senior student volunteers for the Saint Patrick's Day luncheon on Saturday, March 18th!

This annual event, sponsored by the Senior Class, is a wonderful opportunity for our kids to serve Senior Citizens from the Carlisle and Concord communities. We need Class of 2006 volunteers for the 9:00 to 12:00 shift or the 12:00 to 3:00 shift on Saturday, March 18th. Students will set up the event, greet folks as they arrive and help serve a traditional corned beef and cabbage meal to our elder guests. Each student should wear khakis and a white shirt and will earn community service hours for their participation on the day of the event.

Senior Citizens from both Carlisle and Concord look forward to enjoying lunch and interacting with our students each year at this wonderful celebration. Please encourage your student to sign up right away!

Students should sign up on the list in Mrs. Hammer's office or call/e-mail Tess Daigle 978-371-9076 / e-mail tess@opticalchemy.com to volunteer. Please indicate the 9:00 to 12:00 or the 12:00 to 3:00 shift when you call/e-mail.

We also need a few adult volunteers to assist by greeting guests and serving in the kitchen. If you can help, please contact Tess Daigle.



SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

To find out whether school is in session, check the following:

RADIO STATION: **WBZ** (AM 1030), TV STATIONS: **Channels 4, 5, and 7**, or

INTERNET:

<http://www2.whdh.com:80/stormforce/index.php>

<http://www.thebostonchannel.com/closings/index.html>

<http://cbs4boston.com/schoolclosings>

<http://www.colonial.net/schools/cancellations.php>

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.



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.



**DON'T FORGET MARCH 18 – ST. PATRICK'S LUNCHEON FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS OF
CONCORD AND CARLISLE SPONSORED BY THE CLASS OF 2006.**

'07, '08, '09 COURSE SELECTIONS ARE DUE ON MARCH 10th

Last month's newsletter announced the distribution of the Program of Studies and described the course selection process. If you have questions or would like to discuss placement recommendations with teachers, please call now so that your son or daughter can submit his or her course selection worksheet in **HOMEROOM ON MARCH 10**.

The number of sections of each course to be offered depends upon the sign-ups collected in March. After that time it is difficult to change courses or to add courses to a schedule. Guidance counselors may be contacted at 978-341-2490 x119/120 if you would like assistance in working with your son or daughter to complete course selections for next year.

Class of 2010 parents, please note that course selections for your sons and daughters will be collected by eighth grade counselors and forwarded to the high school. Eighth grade counselors have already shared with you the process being followed for Class of 2010 high school course selections.

If you have any questions about that process and/or course selections, please call your counselor. If you would like additional information about a high school course, please feel free to call the chairperson of the department in which the course is offered. You may reach that person by calling 978-341-2490 and asking for the department



DON'T MISS THE CCHS MUSICAL – BARNUM – PERFORMANCES SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3, 4, 5, AND 6 AND MARCH 10, 11, AND 12.

★ A **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** will be given to any **SENIOR** who has completed 100 or more hours of service. All forms verifying these **HOURS MUST** be turned in to Ms. Truslow **BEFORE APRIL VACATION** in order to qualify for this award.

★ There are a number of seniors who have **NOT** purchased a cap and gown for graduation. If your son/daughter has a cap and gown they still must **ORDER** a tassel. If your son/daughter is **NOT** going to participate they need to let Mrs. Coleman know **ASAP**.

★ Don't miss out on **SCHOLARSHIPS**. There are many scholarships waiting to be claimed. Your guidance counselor can point you in the right direction. Also, be sure to look into the Concord-Carlisle Scholarship Fund. See Mrs. Tessari in the Registrar's office for a CCSF application.

★ The **SENIOR LETTER** will be sent home to all seniors and their parents in **APRIL**. This letter contains information about the graduation ceremony, rule and regulations pertaining to the senior prom, graduation and more.



THE BAND CONCERT ON MARCH 21, CHORUS CONCERT ON MARCH 29 AND THE ORCHESTRA CONCERT ON MARCH 30. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THESE FANTASTIC SINGERS AND MUSICIANS PERFORM.



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.carliseschoolassociation.org/auction.html

*When historians look back at the year 2006,
and review the pivotal points,
Johnny Damon's .110 Yankee batting average won't be noted,
neither will any Danish cartoon.
But, the May 6th edition of the...*

**ACADEMEBILL
OR
2006 CCHS FACULTY FOLLIES' PLAYBILL**

will be remembered.

So, reserve your place in history, by purchasing an ad today.

Two great examples are printed below.


*Promote your business, hobby, friends or whatever triggers that cerebral cortex.
Ads can be true, strangely true, or not true but really strange.*

CCHS Favorite Restaurants
Compliments of


LAURIE CADIGAN
Leading the Way Home
(978) 369-8202
www.RealEstateInMA.com

Bedford Farms (978) 341-0000
Bickfords (978) 263-0442
Brighams/Helens (978) 369-9885
Chang An (978) 369-5288
Club Car (978) 371-9282
Country Kitchen (978) 371-0181
D'Angelos (978) 635-0171
Dominos (978) 264-4141
La Provence (978) 371-7428
New London (978) 369-7053
The 99 (978) 369-0300
Paparazzi (978) 371-0030
Sorrento's (978) 369-0938
Subway (978) 263-8875
TC Landos (978) 929-9955
Walden Grille (978) 371-2233
Wendy's (978) 461-0444

Nutley Beagleadore says...
*"Down with
nihilistic, self indulgent
romanticism"*



Support your local classicist

Particulars are: ¼ page \$25 ½ page \$50 full page \$100

*Please submit your ad to Harriet Stevens in the CCHS Special Education
Office by March 31st, with a check payable to the CCHS Teacher's Association.*

*Any questions?? Contact Harriet Stevens at [HStevens\(at\)colonial\(dot\)net](mailto:HStevens@colonial.net) or
Priscilla Sturges at [pwsturges\(at\)comcast\(dot\)net](mailto:pwsturges@comcast.net).
Don't let history pass you by!*



**CONCORD SPECIAL EDUCATION
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SPED PAC)**

PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOP:

An IEP for My Child

Wednesday, March 15

7:00 - 9:00 pm

**at Minuteman Arc For Human Services
130C Baker Ave. Ext., Concord, MA**

Presented by Shelly Green

A Federation for Children with Special Needs trainer and Experienced Special Education Advocate.

Every child with a disability who receives special education services must have an Individual Education Program (IEP). This workshop takes parents step-by-step through the IEP development process: including how to articulate a vision, using evaluations to write annual measurable goals, and how to measure your child's progress. The term IEP describes both the TEAM meeting and the written description of the child's program. If your child is already on an IEP, bring it with you to the workshop.

For more information and directions for this workshop or to join or learn more about Concord Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (Concord SPED PAC) visit us on the web at www.concordspedpac.org

The next Concord SPED PAC business meeting will be held on Wednesday March 8th at the Ripley School Building.

Come and get involved!



What's In Your Closet ?



Any Old Prom Gowns, Bridesmaid Dresses, or other formal or semi-formal wear you or your daughters will never use again. Please consider a donation to the First- ever CCHS Prom Dress Sales Event.

(Think Filene's Basement Wedding Dress Event – in the comfort of the CCHS Cafeteria!)

**Tuesday March 14 and Wednesday March 15
Donations gladly accepted through Friday, March 10**

The event can only succeed with the generous support of all you closet cleaners who are looking forward to recycling your goods to another CCHS student. So **PLEASE**, ask your daughters whether they are willing to pass their dresses on for a great cause. If you would like unsold items returned we will gladly do so.

Donations? Call or email Jan McGinn
978-371-1752 or mcginn.jan@verizon.net

Sponsored by the Class of 2007.

Feel free to pass the word along to friends whose children have already graduated!



MARCH CALENDAR



1. AP Sign Ups Begin, see Mrs. Trainor in the office –
 Barnum Dress Rehearsal
 Private School New Student Registration
2. METCO Meeting/Library
3. Homeroom/Attendance
 Musical (*Barnum*) Opens
4. Musical
5. Musical
6. MCAS Retest
 Principal's Coffee – 8:30 a.m. room A-7 –
 Spectrum Bake Sale all week
7. MCAS Retest
8. Back Up Date Private School Registration
 Musical Touch Ups
 Concord SPED PAC Business Mtg- 9:30-11am –Ripley
 MCAS
9. MCAS Retest
10. Course Selections Due Today in Homeroom
 MCAS Retest
 Musical
11. '07 Used Prom Dress Sale
 Musical
12. Musical
13. Attendance Review Board Meeting
 Parents' Association Meeting
14. CPS School Committee Meeting
 CCHS Newsletter Deadline
15. 3rd Wing Debate
 AP Sign Ups End
 SAC Mtg – 6:30 p.m, main office
 Sped Pac Workshop – see article in this newsletter
16. Music All State
17. All School Dance sponsored by Class 2007
 Art All State
 Music All State
 Homeroom/Attendance Report
18. St. Patrick's Lunch sponsored by Class 2006
19. Free
20. Jr. State Bake Sale all week
21. CCHS Band Concert
22. ? Junior Districts
 No School for Students Today
 Teacher Professional Day
23. Free
24. ? Junior Districts
 Homeroom
 Sophomore Raffle Event
25. ? Junior Districts - Art All State Back Up Date
26. Free
27. Attendance Review Board Meeting
 Model UN Bake Sale all week
 Parents' Association Meeting
28. Concert Rehearsal
 Joint School Committee Meeting
 MCAS
29. Chorus Concert
 MCAS
30. Orchestra Concert / MCAS
31. Homeroom/Attendance Reports / MICCA

TICKET ORDER FORM

Ticket sales began 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



Started to shop for your prom dress?

If not, then you are in luck.

The Class of 2007 is sponsoring the first

Prom Dress Sale Event

WHO:

Any female shoppers for prom attire

WHAT:

Once used and gently recycled prom attire (from former and current students) available for sale at DEEP discounts.

WHEN:

Tuesday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 15 during lunch blocks

WHERE:

CCHS Cafeteria

HOW:

Come by and see if there's a match for you; bring your drivers license or student ID and take a few dresses "out" to try on.

WHY:

Don't you just love a bargain?



For more information, check with Class Officers or with Class Parents

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.

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

CONCORD-CARLISLE ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

All classes meet at Concord-Carlisle High School unless noted

To enroll, call 978-318-1540 (318-1432 nights)

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. We will demystify the college financial aid process and teach you how to access the more than \$90 billion in financial aid dollars, monies that are even available to "high income" families and business owners. Strategies will be presented that will help you protect your assets by maximizing your eligibility for aid, effectively lowering your college costs. You will learn the optimum time to set the strategies in place (hint, best before junior year) and why if you wait until the financial aid deadline to file your forms, you may miss out on the full amount of aid you qualify for. You will also learn how to protect the equity in your home and enhance your retirement savings as you educate your child. Bring a calculator and a basic knowledge of your income, taxes and assets. College Funding Advisors has been presenting seminars about the college financial aid system for twenty years. All of their associates have been through the college financial system with their own children and bring their own unique

- **Wednesday, March 8, 7:00-9:00 PM** **Fee: \$20**

COMMUNITY EDUCATION FIRST AID COURSES

PEDIATRIC FIRST AID

(Requirement for many summer jobs working with children)

National Safety Council, Linda Jarrett, RN

This National Safety Council course covers breathing emergencies in infants and children, identifying and caring for common age-related injuries, and preventing childhood injury.

- **Thursday, March 2, 6:30-9:30 PM** **Fee: \$45**

HEARTSAVER CPR REVIEW & RECERTIFICATION

American Heart Association & American Red Cross

Refresh your skills and earn re-certification at any level of CPR certification you currently hold. Practice current ECC standards. Review your current text; bring it and your current certificate to class. We start on time and continue until your re-certification requirements are met. Review training can require as little as 2-3 hours, depending upon the re-training that you require and your preparation before class.

- **Thursday, March 9, 6:30-10:00 PM** **\$25 for class and certification fees.**

HEARTSAVER AED (ADULT CPR/AED)

American Heart Association

The Heartsaver AED Course teaches the basic techniques of adult CPR and use of the lifesaving automatic external defibrillator (AED). Also learn to use protective devices in CPR and give first aid for choking. The course teaches how to recognize the signs of 4 major emergencies: heart attack, stroke, cardiac arrest, and airway obstruction. At CCHS unless noted. \$50 fee includes supplies, text, mask, and certification.

- **Thursday, March 23, 6:30-10:00 PM** **\$50 fee includes supplies, text, mask, and certification**

HEARTSAVER CPR FOR ALL AGES

American Heart Association

Heartsaver CPR is a modular course that teaches lay rescuers how to recognize and treat life-threatening emergencies, including cardiac arrest and choking for adult, child, and infant victims. Also learn to recognize the warning signs of heart attack and stroke in adults and breathing difficulties in children. This Heartsaver course offers 3 different modules: CPR and relief of airway obstruction in the adult, child and infant. Thursday,


- **Thursday, March 30, 6:30-10:00 PM** **\$50 fee includes supplies, text, and certification.**

CPR CHALLENGE RECERTIFICATION

American Heart Association & American Red Cross

The highly skilled, prepared student can arrange for a simple and fast "challenge" in order to earn re-certification. Call the office and make an appointment – you'll demonstrate your proficiency with a skills test and written exam, and earn your Red Cross or Heart Association recertification.

- To learn more about these classes as well as other offerings from Community Education, please visit www.ace.colonial.net and to enroll, call 978-318-1540 (318-1432 nights).
- You receive your book in class. Contact the office to pick it up earlier if required.
- Wear comfortable clothing. No makeup or lipstick please.
- Your fee covers instruction, equipment/supplies/materials, and your administrative fees to certifying agencies.
- We recommend that you update your CPR skills annually

CLASS  2006

*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.***

In March the class seniors will be focused on efforts to make the **St. Patrick's Day Dinner for Carlisle and Concord Senior Citizens** a great success. Have your student sign up with Mrs. Hammer to be a part of this wonderful event. Community service hours will be given to those who participate.

Also in March, **the kids are working with the Concord Police Department to organize a Basketball Game** between the two groups, as a fundraiser, with proceeds to be divided. The date is yet to be determined, so watch for further details.

The organizers of **Unplugged** will be holding **auditions on Thursday, March 30 and Friday, March 31**, with **Unplugged to be held Friday night the 28th of April**.

Also in April, mark your calendars for our **Parent's Spring Social** to be held at the home of Ann and Bill Wilson on Friday night the 7th. Thanks to Ann and Bill for hosting this much anticipated event for our class.

Our class officers are hard at work making plans for some really terrific end of year activities for the whole class during senior week.

CLASS 2007

❖ **Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14 and 15:**

Concord-Carlisle's first ever **PROM DRESS SALES EVENT**. Lunch blocks in the cafeteria – once used and gently recycled prom attire available for sale at DEEP discounts. .

❖ **Friday, March 17: ALL SCHOOL DANCE SPONSORED BY THE CLASS OF 2007.**

We will need help with chaperoning, decorating, ticket sales, and refreshments. A separate email to the class will follow.

CLASS 2008 NO NEWS THIS MONTH

CLASS 2009

The first two months of 2006 have gone by in the blink of an eye! We'd like to thank Shelley Mogil and David Storto (Mara's parents) for hosting the very enjoyable Parent Social on January 29. The event was well attended and parents had a great time mingling with friends new and old.

The next night, on January 30, the Class of 2009 sponsored the refreshment sale at the Summer Opportunities Fair. "Thank you!" to the many student volunteers and to the dozens of parents who baked and helped out with the sale. (Unfortunately we don't have a complete list of all those who helped, but you know who you are!) This strong volunteer spirit adds not only to the Class Treasury, but also to the cohesiveness of both the parent and student communities.

The Freshman Class has a number of upcoming events. Mark your calendars!

- **March 10 – Snow tubing at Nashoba**
- **April 29 – Freshman trip to Six Flags, followed by clean-up after Sophomore Semi**
- **May 7 – Social for Senior Citizens of Concord and Carlisle**
- **May 13 – Plant Sale**

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME DATES HAVE CHANGED FROM EARLIER NOTICES.

Although we try to finalize dates early, factors outside our control sometimes prompt a change. Stay tuned to future emails and newsletters for more information. If you'd like to volunteer for these events, please send an email to Claudia Feeney (Claudia.Feeney@sanofi-aventis.com).

We'd also like to acknowledge the efforts of the following parent organizers –

- **Deb and Richard Beinecke, for organizing the tubing party**
- **Karen Verrill, for co-chairing the Plant Sale (we're still looking for another co-chair!)**
- **Pat Bentley, for her excellent updates on information from the Guidance Department**

Our CCHS Flannel pants continue to be a hot seller, but we still have a few pairs left. 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.

*Best wishes for the month of March,
Claudia Feeney, Cathy Galligan, Patty Hecht, Anne Marks, Kathy Robey
Class of 2009 Parent Representatives*

CLASS 2010 – 8TH GRADE

WELCOME CLASS 2010!

As part of our orientation/welcome to the Class of 2010, eighth grade parents will receive the CCHS Newsletter beginning with this March issue. We hope that the news will be of interest and that it will give you a sense of high school activities and events, as well as topics of concern to parents in grades 9-12. You are most welcome to attend any of the public events announced in the newsletter.

Each year at this time we begin to ask for parent volunteers to help organize the Class 2010 Parent Group for the incoming freshmen class. We need two to four parents who would like to share "chair" duties. Some of the duties of the 2010 Parent Group include helping the freshmen class get organized, helping with traditional class activities, fund raising, social events for 2010 parents, newsletter reporter, and more.

Contact Lisa Betancourt, President of the Parents' Association at 978-369-3453 if you are interested.

We would love to have you join us.

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Spring and Summer Visits

While college admissions offices welcome student visitors during much of the year, school vacations in April and during the summer months are particularly popular times to visit. For the April vacation, an added advantage is that classes are still in session and sports and other campus activities are easier to see in progress. While school is in session, visitors can also gain a sense of intangible, subjective qualities such as campus atmosphere, the student body, the relative emphasis on academics, and the overall “feel of the school community”.

Most college visits begin with a group information session offered by the admissions office and a student escorted tour of the campus. Because many colleges pay attention to demonstrated student interest in the school, the admissions office contact is one expression of this interest. Students and parents are also typically welcome to explore the campus on their own, sit in the Student Center, and browse the college bookstore, etc. Depending on a college’s policy and the degree of student interest in the school, students may also schedule an interview for the day of their visit. Through the admissions office, students sometimes may arrange to return to spend an overnight in the dorm at one of their top choice schools.

For more information on college visits and interviews, consult the CCHS Post-Secondary Planning Handbook or the CCHS Guidance Department Web Site at www.colonial.net/guidance.

Junior Planning Meetings

Group meetings for juniors to meet with their counselors and receive information on college planning and other post-secondary options will be held during the week of **March 13, 2006**. This session will focus on college selection criteria and various informational resources available in the Guidance Resource Center. This meeting is especially important as juniors will be re-introduced to **Naviance**, an internet-based college and career planning program, which allows students to access information from school or home. At the end of this meeting, juniors will schedule individual follow-up conferences with their counselors to discuss their individual plans in detail. About one week prior to this group meeting, each junior will receive a letter in the mail designating the time and place of the meeting.

- 1) SAT II Subject tests – Most colleges do not require any SAT IIs. However, of those colleges that required three SAT II tests in the past, most will now only require two subject tests. There are still a few colleges that will continue to require three tests, and this information is available on their own college web site. A student may still take an SATII in October in time for early decision should the need arrive.
- 2) ACTs – If you would like to take the ACT in lieu of the SAT, we suggest that you take the ACT with the Writing portion. Some schools will require it, and some will not. However, if you take it with writing, you will cover all of your bases. The ACT can also be submitted in lieu of the SAT II subject tests at some schools



College Board Test Info

April 3, 2006 and April 28, 2006 are the regular deadline dates for juniors to register for the May 6 and June 3 SAT exams.

Those juniors taking any SAT exam must bring a picture ID with them to the test site. Guidance counselors can provide an alternative form of identification before any of the tests if students do not have a picture ID.

AP Exam Registration

Juniors or seniors who have a strong academic background in advanced courses may wish to take the **Advanced Placement (AP) Exams**. Many colleges and universities award college credit or course exemption to students who receive high scores on an AP exam. AP exams are offered in many subject areas including English, math, science, languages, history, computer science, music theory, and studio art. Students should see *Ms. Trainor in the Main Office* for a complete listing of subjects in which the exams are offered. The exams are given in mid May.

The deadline for registration for AP exams is *March 15, 2006*. The cost of each exam is **\$82.00**. Registration is with *Ms. Trainor in the Main Office*. Teachers of subjects in which students are considering an AP exam can offer advice about whether students should take the exam in that subject. Students who are not sure if they will take an AP should sign up for the test and will receive a partial refund if they decide not to take the exam.

SENIORS

A Community Service Award will be given to any senior who has completed 100 or more hours of service. All forms verifying these hours **MUST** be turned in to Ms. Truslow before April vacation in order to qualify for this award.

