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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS & INFORMATION



With just about 40 days left of school, the CCHS calendar is full of dances and proms, graduation activities, athletic games and meets, a yearbook dedication, college fairs, award nights, our faculty's production of "Teachers on Thin Ice" and much more!

Thursday, May 4th is the final College Fair held in the library during lunch blocks. Many thanks to our Guidance Department for organizing these fairs, and to our parent volunteers for donating snacks and beverages for the visiting college recruiters. RE/MAX Walden County Realtors are also sponsoring college admissions counselor and author Susan Whalley, to speak on "Navigating College Admissions", at their Thoreau Street office, May 4th, and at Carlisle's Gleason Public Library May 11th. Both programs start at 7 pm, and are free to the public, but an RSVP is recommended. Please call their Concord office at (978) 371-9990 for reservations and more information.

Our annual appeal campaign headed up by Karen Sabatino has raised more than \$35,000 to date. We wish to thank all of our CCHS' families for donating to this wonderful cause. All money raised by this yearly campaign will be available through a grant application to our faculty and staff. It's never too late to make a donation!

The Parent's Association is looking for parent volunteers to fill positions on our executive board and various committees for next year, 2006-2007. This is a great way to become involved at CCHS, make new friends, and help our students really enjoy their high school years. Please contact Margaret Franklin at MFranklin@aol.com or Rosie Oberg at Obergr@hotmail.com for more information.

And speaking of volunteers, parents are still needed to help with ALL NIGHT LIVE! Saturday June 10th. Even if you have volunteered before at our senior class all night graduation party, this will be an all new experience for everyone! Please help make it a memory that the class of 2006 will never forget! The volunteer e-mail address is allnightlive@aol.com.

The highly anticipated Concord-Carlisle Teacher's Association production of "TEACHERS ON THIN ICE" is almost here, with Saturday May 6th just around the corner. Our faculty has spent countless hours planning, drafting, writing, rewriting and rehearsing this production. Even if you cannot attend, please let our faculty know how much we appreciate their efforts! For those who are planning on attending the follies, please take a few minutes and drop by the reception in the CCHS cafeteria immediately following the show, and personally let our faculty know how you felt about their performance! Tickets for our "CCHS Red Sox Raffle" will also be on sale before and during the show's intermission, or can be purchased through contact Carol Bowen @ BowenMktg@comcast.net.

Here's to a warm May and green grass!

Lisa Betancourt, PA President
(978) 369-3453

CONCORD-CARLISLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Applications for the CCSF are available online at www.CCsScholarshipfund.org. Students seeking support for the 2006-2007 academic year should have submitted 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). 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.

Terri Hale, CCSF Trustee
Denis Cleary, CCSF Trustee



NOTES FROM ART DULONG

FIRST – I want to express my thanks to the senior class and their parents.

These students have been wonderful throughout their years at CCHS. This class has provided leadership and modeled good citizenship for the entire school. Additionally, they are one of the most talented groups I have seen. Whether it is on the stage, in the athletic arena, in the meaningful fulfillment of community service, in the classroom, or simply the way they conduct themselves in their day-to-day interactions at CCHS, the Class of 2006 has set a high standard for others to follow. At this time, I have no idea how they have done in the college chase, other than what I know anecdotally from the counselors. The impression of the counselors is that we (as a school) did very well in what has become an increasingly more competitive process. While I hope each of them has a plan for next year that is interesting and exciting, I hope you and they know that their worth as students and contributors to CCHS extends far beyond the college acceptance. I like this group. Best wishes to all as we approach the end of the high school experience.

The parents of the seniors have also been fabulous, supporting the school efforts in so many ways. I hope you know that you make a difference and that I appreciate all you do.

SECOND – I need to explain this year's scheduling process to the underclass.

I am sure everyone is aware that there are the usual budget discussions ongoing. The budget discussions and the ultimate vote may have an impact on staffing at the high school. An impact on staffing is not an abstract concept. Staff reductions mean reductions in the number of sections that can be scheduled.

We have begun the scheduling process. Students have selected courses, and in most cases also indicated a second choice. We are beginning to put together the master schedule. We know we cannot add any sections, which means we are frequently going to second choice selections in those cases where a course is over requested. As is the policy, we give priority to seniors, then juniors, etc. The point is that many students will be enrolled in their second choice selection. This is not significantly different from other years. However, it is one of the scheduling steps that is frequently misunderstood.

What will be different is that we will be unable to complete the scheduling process until we have clear definition on staffing. For now, I have chosen to schedule on best-case scenario and reduce later if necessary. It is likely that we will not complete the scheduling process until at least mid-June. Students and parents are accustomed to having a schedule in hand for next year as the current school year ends. That is possible, that is the goal but it is not likely to happen. I'll try to keep you informed as time frames become clearer, but I thought it prudent to alert you early to a potential change of routine.

There is still some confusion regarding the end of the school year. The last day of school is scheduled to be Monday June 26th. I know and the Superintendent knows this presents problems for some families due to camps, vacations, and lots of other individual issues. Because of the specific nature of the problems presented at the high school level we will be ending our year in a slightly different way than previously announced. **Exams will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 20-June 23. Monday, June 26th will be a half day of school which will include an abbreviated 8 block schedule so that students can meet with every teacher to review the final and possibly receive grades.**

Regardless, there may still be some families who are affected by the lateness of school ending. So once again, 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 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.

While town meeting has not yet happened in either town I anticipate that there will be an override vote sometime in early to mid June. That is the reason for the schedule info above. I hope you follow the issue closely. The budget reductions subject to the override will have serious consequences for our most vulnerable students if enacted. The reductions include the loss of a campus monitor, the loss of a social worker, the loss of the STEP program, and the loss of the Senior Project opportunity among other things. If you have kept up with the issues you know that we have already reduced over \$400,000 from our initial budget in order to get to the level Fincom recommended. You also know that, at least leading up to town meeting, Fincom and Selectmen have supported the budget and the need for the override. I encourage you to stay informed. I hope you will vote when the time comes.



AP EXAMS

During the weeks of May 1st through May 12th. Students who have registered for Advanced Placement Exams will sit for these exams. All AP Exams for CCHS students are administered at CCHS under the supervision of Dr. Furey. Parents who have questions about these tests should call Dr. Furey at 978-341-2490 x7113.

VISITORS/GUESTS

CCHS students wishing to bring a visitor to school to shadow them for the day must do the following.

Permission must be obtained from the Principal or one of the Assistant Principals **BEFORE** a guest is brought to school. If permission is granted, the host student is expected to bring his/her guest to the Main Office to register as a visitor and to meet the Principal or one of the Assistant Principals, at the beginning of the school day.

The **HOST STUDENT** should have **ADVANCED APPROVAL FROM THE TEACHERS** of the courses they will be attending on the visiting day.

The **VISITING** student must have a **SIGNED NOTE FROM THEIR PARENTS GIVING PERMISSION** for the visit and a **SIGNED NOTE FROM THEIR SCHOOL** giving permission for the visit.

These notes should be given to the Principal or one of the Assistant Principals on the day of the visit.

Would You Like To Be In The Loop?

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

The Concord-Carlisle Teachers Association would love to keep you informed about teacher and student achievements!

Let us know if you would like a copy of our newsletter by emailing us at ccta.liason@yahoo.com



SENIOR PROJECT FAIR

Join us for the Senior Project Fair on May 17th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the CCHS Library.

Come and learn about the interesting projects our seniors have undertaken for second semester.



OPENING DAY FOR 2006-2007

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION will be on **Wednesday, September 6, 2006.**

FRESHMEN AND UPPERCLASSMEN WILL REPORT on **Thursday, September 7, 2006** to begin classes.

OPENING OF SCHOOL INFORMATION will be mailed home to you in the **BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET IN AUGUST.**



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.



All Night Live! 2006 Graduation Party

Senior parents remember to drop your All Night Live ticket order in the mail today!

Many volunteers are still needed to help with All Night Live! **Underclassmen parents** are welcome to sign up for any activity. **Senior parents**, while you may not chaperone, you may volunteer in all the other areas. Sign up with a friend to join in the fun!

Committee Help

- **Decorators, Susan Sharp and Ainslee MacHaffie** are hosting decoration work parties to measure, cut & paint new decorations. If interested, send an email to JMACHAFF8@aol.com.
- **Food chair, Laurie Cadigan** will need underclass parents to serve food through the night on June 10th 3 shifts available. Contact her at Laurie@ConcordRE.com to be on her team.

All Night Live Shifts Email Cheryl Baggen at CCHSVolunteers@comcast.net

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| ➤ | Friday, June 9 th | 9 am – 11 pm | Move decorations to CCHS |
| | | 2 pm – 5pm & 5pm - 8pm | Set up |
| ➤ | Sat., June 10 th | 9 am – 12 pm | Final decorating touches S |
| | | 9:15 pm – 1:15 am | Chaperone |
| ➤ | Sun., June 11 th | 1 am – 5 am | Chaperone – Most Popular Shift! |

Take Down Email Priscilla Sturges at PWsturges@comcast.net

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| ➤ | Sun., June 11 th | 6:30 am until finish | Pack away decorations for next year. |
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Baby Pictures Reminder

*Make an enlarged copy (5x7, or 8x10) of a photo of your senior student when he or she was a baby or toddler, **WRITE THEIR NAME ON THE BACK**, and give it to Martha Hammer in the main office or send it to Barbara Lewis, 282 East Riding Drive, Carlisle, MA 01741. These pictures will be displayed in the library windows in the front lobby after April vacation, and will continue to be posted as they are sent in, until a week before graduation. But get your little darling's picture in early. It's great fun! Especially when the pictures are not identified until near the end. (Local pharmacies have machines that easily copy and enlarge photos.)*

Next meeting of the All Night Live Committee is Tuesday, May 16, 7:30pm in Room A-7

AllNightLive@aol.com

MCAS TESTS TO BE ADMINISTERED MAY 12TH THROUGH MAY 26TH



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

The first test session was administered in April, during which time students took the long composition portion of the test. The remainder of the testing will take place between May 12th and May 26th.

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

It is very important that all sophomores be present each day of the testing so that they will not need to take the English or math test as juniors. While there will be some time available for makeup for those who are ill for a day, we urge everyone to be present May 12 through May 26 to avoid having to reschedule testing. Students will have sufficient time to complete each exam.

CCHS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

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

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

Ray Ferrara '06 Jane Turner Michael '06 Robert Stone '06
Shelley Mogil '07 Lisa Pearl '07

We need to elect three parents to serve a two-year term. Please fill out the nomination sheet below and send it to Louisa Coleman at CCHS – 500 Walden Street – Concord, MA 01742 or email lc Coleman@colonial.net with your nomination. **Deadline for nominations is May 16th.**

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

Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone # _____

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



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.



SUMMER SCHOOL

Students planning to take summer school courses for credit must complete an application form **PRIOR** to taking the course. Only those courses that are approved in **ADVANCE** by the appropriate department chairperson will be recognized as those for which CCHS credit may be granted. For further information about summer school opportunities and procedures, students and parents should contact the guidance office.



PERSONAL PROPERTY AND VALUABLES

The high school administration **strongly discourages** students from bringing money or valuable items to school. Likewise excess money or valuable items **should not be stored in lockers**. If you must bring extra money or a valuable object to school you may keep it in the main office until the end of the day.



A Fundraiser extravaganza for the Concord-Carlisle Teachers Association

On Saturday, May 6 the Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association will present the 2006 faculty show, "Teachers on (Thin) Ice." The faculty show, a fundraising event for the Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association, is a semi-annual send-up of life at CCHS. Past formats have included "The Academe Awards: Awards for Questionable Methods in Lower Education" and "A Farewell to the Queen" (in honor of retiring principal Elaine DiCicco); This year, advance word has it that the teachers are spoofing the idea of education run like a business: hilarity is guaranteed. Tickets (\$15) are available after May 1 in the high school cafeteria or (if they last) at the door on the night of the performance; email Erica Karban at ekarban@colonial.net with questions about ticketing. CCHS auditorium, Saturday, May 6, 7:30 p.m., with a Parents' Association co-sponsored reception to follow in the cafeteria.



HEY, YOU WANT RED SOX TICKETS?

You could win some RED SOX TICKETS and an AUTOGRAPHED YAZ BALL!!!

CCHS Parents are sponsoring a Red Sox tickets raffle to raise money for a computer screen system to be installed in the cafeteria that will continuously project school information and images about daily activities, games, important community events etc. to help keep our students and staff informed!

Tickets will be sold during lunch blocks Monday thru Friday May 1-5 in the CCHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

There will be 2 drawings at the Faculty Follies Revue on Saturday May 6 – one for 2 sets of tickets (for 2 different games) AND a ball autographed by Boston legend Carl Yastrzemski, and a second drawing for 2 more sets of tickets (2 separate games)! You don't need to be present to win.

Can't buy them during lunch blocks? Contact Carol Bowen (BowenMktg@comcast.net or 978-369-4950) to purchase raffle tickets by mail.

Take a chance – it could be your ticket to see the Sox!!

**FINAL EXAM BLOCK SCHEDULE
JUNE 20-26, 2006**

TUES., JUNE 20	WED., JUNE 21	THURS., JUNE 22	FRI., JUNE 23	MONDAY, JUNE 26
7:35 a.m. H-Block Exam 9:15 a.m.	7:35 a.m. F-Block Exam 9:15 a.m.	7:35 a.m. D-Block Exam 9:15 a.m.	7:35 a.m. B-Block Exam 9:15 a.m.	All block will meet A – B – C – D - E F - G - H Today.
10 Minute Break	10 Minute Break	10 Minute Break	10 Minute Break	
9:25 a.m. G-Block Exam 11:05 a.m.	9:25 a.m. E-Block Exam 11:05 a.m.	9:25 a.m. C-Block Exam 11:05 a.m.	9:25 a.m. A-Block Exam 11:05 a.m.	
Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal
BUSES WILL DEPART CCHS AT 11:15 A.M. TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND MONDAY THERE ARE NO LATE BUSES PLEASE READY BOTH PAGES OF THIS SCHEDULE FOR ALL IMPORTANT EXAM INFORMATION STUDY GET PLENTY OF SLEEP THE NIGHT BEFORE THE EXAM EAT BREAKFAST BE PREPARED WITH SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE YOUR EXAM				

- ✓ **THE SCHEDULE - Final exams begin on June 20.** Please refer to the schedule above. Exams will be administered in reverse order (**H, G, F, E, D, C, B, and A**) with two exams being given each exam day. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Monday will be half days. Buses will leave immediately following the second exam. There are no late buses.
- ✓ **ATTENDANCE** - Students are required to be present only during those periods when they have an exam. The library will open for students who wish to use a free period to study. Students who arrive late must report to the office and wait for an escort to their exam. No additional time will be given to students who are late.
- ✓ **TRANSPORTATION** - Buses will pick up students at the regular time each morning. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Monday buses will leave immediately following the second exam no later than 11:15. There are no late buses.
- ✓ **CAFETERIA SERVICES** - Lunch service will be available through Monday, June 19. Only the snack machines will be available after that time.
- ✓ **LIBRARY SERVICES** - All library books must be returned by June 13th.
- ✓ **STUDENTS NOT SCHEDULED FOR EXAMINATIONS** - The cafeteria and its adjacent courtyard may be used for studying. All other areas of the school and school grounds (except the library) will be off limits during the examinations periods. Students will not be permitted to go to lockers while exams are in session.
- ✓ **DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS FROM EXAM ROOMS** - All students are to remain in their exam rooms until the end of the examination period. Students will not be dismissed early. Students should bring a book to read or work to do in the event that they complete their exam before the end of the period. No student will be permitted to move through corridors, visit teachers, or go to lockers during the examination sessions.
- ✓ **LOCKERS** - Gym lockers must be cleaned out by the end of the day on June 16th. Anything left in gym lockers as of 3:00 p.m. on June 16 will be discarded. Regular school lockers must be emptied of everything except needed books by June 26. Waste papers and other materials to be discarded are to be placed in a barrel or wastebasket. Littering will result in disciplinary action.
- ✓ **RETURN OF MATERIALS** - Students should return all materials by the day of their exam FOR EACH COURSE. Payment for lost materials should be made at that time also.
- ✓ **REPORT CARDS** - Grades close June 26. Report cards will be mailed in July.

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- ✚ Please be sure to arrive on time for all exams
 - ✚ Students who arrive late must report to the office and wait for an escort to go to the exam room.
 - ✚ Students who are late will not be given additional time for their exams.

CCHS Class of 2007

Reserve your
spot now for

Senior



Call or come in to schedule an appointment now.
The deadline for portraits is August 15th!
Ask about our Early Bird Special



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ATTENTION - Students & Parents - Class of 2007

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT IS TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT SENIOR PORTRAITS AND THE 2007 YEARBOOK.

Anderson Photo, the official photographer for senior portraits at CCHS, will begin taking senior portraits **MAY 1ST**. Call (978) 369-9530 to schedule an appointment. Early bird specials are available for students who schedule an appointment and have their portrait taken prior to June 15th.

While many students tend to wait until the end of the summer to have their portrait taken, realize that the weather and lighting for portraits is actually significantly better in the spring than it is in the summer.

If you are thinking that it is too early to start thinking about this, please realize that all photo deadlines for the yearbook are being moved up (from previous years) in the hopes of getting yearbooks distributed to seniors earlier.

If you have your portrait taken at Anderson Photo, you do not need to submit a senior portrait to the yearbook. Anderson Photo will submit a digital photo, in the correct resolution and size on your behalf.

Parents – it's never too early to begin thinking about your parent ad. This year, Anderson Photo will offer a discount on designing your parent ad if your senior has his/her portrait taken there. Information should be arriving by mail shortly or you may call them at (978) 369-9530 to find out more.

Information regarding photo/ad submission will be forthcoming. If you are not signed up to receive Class of 2007 emails, please register. I will use the list serve to communicate with you over the summer and throughout the year.

DEADLINES FOR 2007 BRIDGE SUBMISSIONS

(DROPPED OFF AT CC OR MAILED TO MS. KARBAN) ARE AS FOLLO

Senior Portrait: Friday, September 8, 2006

Parent Ads: Friday, September 8, 2006

Student Ads/Collages: Friday, September 15, 2006

Baby Pictures & Write-ups: Friday, September 15, 2006

Senior Summer: Friday, September 22, 2006

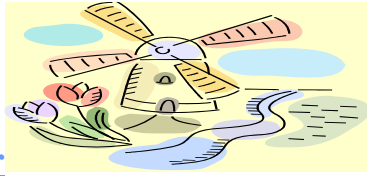
Remember When: Friday, September 22, 2006

Junior Prom/Sophomore Semi: Friday, September 22, 2006

Yearbook orders: Friday, December 1, 2006

(Yearbook order forms will go out in the summer mailing & September newsletter)

Questions: Please email Erica Karban at yearbook@colonial.net



May Calendar

1. AP Exams Begin

Town Meeting
Principals Coffee – 8:30 a.m. room A-7

2. Town Meeting
3. Town Meeting
4. College Mini Fair
5. SADD Assembly (subject to change)

Homeroom

6. Faculty Show

7. Frosh Community Service Event in cafeteria
Stars @ Tanglewood
8. Attendance Review Board Meeting
Graduation Invitations Available for pick up from Mrs. Tessari
9. School Committee Meeting – CPS
10. Free
11. Free
12. Staff Appreciation Lunch (subject to change)

MCAS Begins

AP's End

Junior Prom at Newton Marriot

Homeroom/Attendance Reports

13. MICCA @ CCHS
Frosh Plant Sale
14. Stars @ Tanglewood
15. **Senior/Junior Awards Night – 7:00 p.m. Auditorium**
16. Newsletter Deadline
17. SAC Meeting – 6:30 pm – main office conference room
18. Free
19. Staff Appreciation Lunch (subject to change)

Spring Play

Homeroom

20. Spring Play
Virgin Island Car Wash Fund Raiser
21. Spring Play
22. **Sophomore/Freshmen Awards Night – 7:00 p.m. Auditorium**
Attendance Review Board Meeting
PA Meeting
23. School Committee Meeting – Joint
24. CCHS Calendar Meeting

NHS Induction

25. Softball Team Cookout
26. MCAS Ends

Homeroom/Attendance

- Freshmen Movie Night
27. Sophomore Car Wash
28. Free

29. Memorial Day – No School

30. Free
31. Chorus Pre Concert

CONCORD-CARLISLE ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Concord-Carlisle Adult & Community Education will offer the following courses for parents, teens in May. 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 days, 318-1432 nights.

Basic Bike Maintenance, Tim Eliassen, Engineer and Bike Enthusiast

Tuesday, May 16, 7:00-9:00 PM

This evening is for anyone who rides a bike and who can't tolerate squeaks, poor shifting or brakes that make noise or don't stop properly. We will address, in lecture and demonstration, the basic maintenance items that anyone can and should do. We will also discuss basic on-the-road emergency repairs, including flat tires. Do NOT bring your bike.

At CCHS, \$20 #823

Bike Maintenance II, Tim Eliassen, Engineer and Bike Enthusiast

Wednesday, May 17, 7:00-9:30 PM

This is a slightly more advanced hands-on course. We will delve deeper into the bike's innards with the opportunity to clean, grease and adjust bearings, replace brake and shifter cables, brake pads and chains. Bring your bike and be prepared to deal with grease and dirt. (It's not so bad!) Bring any parts you want to replace and basic tools (allen wrenches, pliers, screwdriver, etc.), if you have them. A basic knowledge of bike maintenance is a prerequisite.

At CCHS, \$20 #824

For Babysitters and Camp Counselors!!!

Heartsaver CPR for Child & Infant, American Heart Association

Thursday, May 4, 6:30-10:00 PM

Learn the lifesaving techniques of CPR for children and infants. Also learn about accident prevention, how to use protective devices in CPR and give first aid for choking. At CCHS, \$60 (includes manual, supplies), #771.

Pediatric First Aid, National Safety Council, Linda Jarrett, RN

Tuesday, May 23, 6:30-9:30 PM

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

At CCHS, \$60, #773.

Students will be charged a replacement cost for lost and/or damaged books/materials. Please take care of your books/materials and return them to your teacher or to the library in good condition.

This is a good time to book your back to school physical with your doctor. Remember that you will need an updated physical in August/September for school and sports.

See Mrs. Trainor for Work Permits. You must have a job before a work permit is issued. Allow 2 days to get a permit.

STUDY HALLS

The program for freshmen and sophomore and some juniors and seniors is structured, requiring them to be on campus and supervised by staff for the entire day. When not in a scheduled class or, by permission, in one of the learning areas such as the language lab, science lab, computer room, library or guidance resource center, students will be in a study hall. Study halls are areas of the school set aside for supervised study. Attendance is required and monitored daily. Students are expected to come prepared with the necessary books and materials for individual study or review. Students assigned to study halls may be issued passes to the library, the guidance or health office, the main office, departmental offices, or other scheduled activities on campus.

SENIOR CLASS  2006

Cap and Gown

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 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. **If you are not planning on participating in the graduation ceremony, please see Mrs. Coleman NOW!!!!!!**

Outstanding Obligations

Seniors should be taking care of any outstanding obligations this month. **A list is posted on the window near Mrs. Trainor.** Don't wait until the end of the year. **See Mrs. Trainor now if your name is on the list**

Senior Information to Remember

All **graduating seniors will be given their temporary school record, recommendations, assorted testing scores, and their health record when they pick up their cap and gown in June. We do not keep copies of these records.** Please put them in a safe location because you will need them. We do keep a copy of your transcript, testing scores, and only your counselor recommendation. Transcripts are kept on file for 60 years.

A Reminder from the Registrar

Seniors who owe transcript fees should see Mrs. Tessari now, don't wait until June. You can check *Naviance* to see if you have an outstanding balance or see Mrs. Tessari. Checks are payable to CCHS and should be given to Mrs. Tessari.

CLASS OF 2006 CALENDAR

Friday, May 19 (parent event)

- Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, June 1

- Yearbook dedication
- Yearbook distribution

Friday, June 2

- Pancake breakfast

Monday: June 5

- Last day of school for seniors
- All school assembly
- Senior BBQ (at the beach) – busses returning to CC by 5:00pm
BBQ will still be held if it rains, location TBD
Permission slip required

Tuesday: June 6

- Graduation rehearsal

- Aerial photo

Wednesday: June 7

- Senior Prom, Boston Park Plaza
Reception: 6:30 – 7:30
Prom: 7:30 – 11:30

Thursday: June 8

- Event to be determined

Friday: June 9

- Six Flags New England (8:45am – 6:45pm)
Cost: \$30
Permission slip required

Saturday: June 10

- Graduation (2pm)
Mr. Denis Clearly, Commencement Speaker
- Senior class reception following graduation
(*sponsored by class of 2007*)

Senior Class of 2006

Hopefully you have all received two very important mailings in the last few weeks. One is from the school, filled with important information on **SENIOR WEEK, PROM AND GRADUATION**. Please take a few minutes now, if you haven't already, to read through the material and **send in the two permission slips as soon as possible**. Both are necessary for your student to participate in the **BEACH BBQ** following the last half day of school on **Monday, June 5**, AND the trip to **SIX FLAGS** on **Friday, June 9**. Believe me, they will not want to miss out on these events, and the sooner their permission slips come in, the better we can coordinate the transportation and food. **DEADLINES are both May 12!** Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions regarding the prom, please call Lisa Philippou at 369-2878, or email lphilippou@comcast.net. Tickets will go on sale mid-May.

The other mailing is from the committee organizing **ALL NIGHT LIVE**, the party following graduation on **June 10**. Order tickets and make a contribution right away. And send in your senior's baby picture so that it can be posted in the library windows.



SENIOR CLASS 2006 – CONTINUED

A hearty congratulations to **Katie Schaefer**, and also to **Elizabeth Orr** and **Christian Gudmand** and the **rest of the team** and **contestants**, for putting on an outstanding event last month – **MR. CCHS**. It was lots of fun, hysterically funny, good natured, hugely creative and a tremendous success. Many thanks to the three teachers involved, **Jim Moriarty**, **Andy Sapp**, and **Ben Kendall**, who were the judges (not a Simon among them) and to the crowd of 200+ for being so supportive of the event and all the contestants. What a great night!

MAY AND JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON, Friday, May 19. Sandra Arena, sarena101@verizon.net, is organizing this event for the class so contact her to see how you can help.

DEDICATION OF THE YEARBOOK, currently scheduled for after school on Thursday, June 1, which means...

SENIOR CLASS PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be in the cafeteria on the following morning, June 2, at 7:00.

Monday, June 5 is a half day for the senior class only. They will attend an assembly, learn more about the senior week activities and graduation, and then board busses at 11:30 to head to **SALISBURY BEACH FOR A BBQ**. We will need chaperones for this event.

SENIOR WEEK –

Tuesday, 6th, we will take an aerial photo of the students, positioned to form the numbers 2006, then there will be a Graduation Rehearsal.

Wednesday, 7th, is the Senior Prom at the Boston Park Plaza

Friday is a Six Flags Trip. Depart CCHS 8:45, return at 6:30.

Saturday is **GRADUATION! 2 p.m.** Then **ALL NIGHT LIVE** begins at 9:30 and ends Sunday morning at 5:30.

JUNIOR CLASS 2007

Hope students are making plans to be part of the Junior Prom on Friday, May 12 at the Newton Marriot. Reception at CCHS at 5:30; students board busses at CCHS for ride to the hotel at 6:00; return to CCHS time approximately 11:30 p.m. Parents – make sure to come watch the “parade” of students board busses and capture photos of your sons and daughters looking their best. Tickets will be on sale at cafeteria during lunch blocks during the week following spring vacation. Look for invitation, information on photography, and more details at that time.

SOPHOMORE CLASS 2008

NO NEWS THIS MONTH

FRESHMEN CLASS 2009

NO NEWS THIS MONTH

8TH GRADE CLASS 2010

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

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

Important Information About... **CONNECTIONS** (The CCHS Student-Family Directory)
connectionsccchs@yahoo.com

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

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW...

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

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

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

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

CONNECTIONS FORM - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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

Year of Graduation _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Street Address _____

Town _____ Zip _____

Family Telephone Number () _____

Student Telephone Number () _____

SECOND ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Street Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone at Second Address () _____

Comments _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Mail Directly to – Barbara Green – 371 Old Bedford Road, Concord, MA 01742 - 978-287-4281 or bga@winent.com
Please include your email addresses in order for Barbara to correspond with you to confirm accuracy of your information just before publication. Email addresses would only be for Barbara's use, however, and would not be published in Connections. Thank you!

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Transition to College

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

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

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

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

Picture ID Needed

All students taking the May 6, 2006 SAT I/SAT II test must bring a Picture ID to their test site. Guidance Counselors can provide an alternative form of identification if students do not have a picture ID.

June SATs

The registration deadline for the June 3, 2006 SAT I and SAT II is April 28th. Late registration is May 10th.

www.collegeboard.com

Wait Lists

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

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

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

Double Deposits

Students should not send a deposit to more than one college. Colleges reserve the right to withdraw admit offers for those discovered engaging in this activity.

Records Office

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

From the Health Office

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

Juniors' College Search

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

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

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

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

Summer School

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

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

Area summer school programs which CCHS students often attend:

- ✚ Minuteman Regional High School, Lexington, MA (781-861-7150 – www.Minuteman.org)
- ✚ Acton-Boxborough High School, Acton, MA (978-264-4700 ext. 3455)
- ✚ Boston information available in late May.
- ✚ Belmont Hill School, Belmont, MA (617-484-4549)
- ✚ Middlesex Community College (1-800-818-3434, sessions starting early June – www.Middlesex.cc.ma.us)

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

THANK YOU

The Guidance Department would like to thank the Parents' Association, especially Rosie Oberg and Lisa Betancourt, for their help in organizing and providing the refreshments for the CCHS College Career Mini-Fairs.