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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS & INFORMATION



The snow and ice have finally melted, the grass is getting greener, and flowers are beginning to bloom. Our students, some of whom traveled to various parts of the world, have returned from April break bringing with them great stories to share and many memories. Summer will be here before we know it! CCHS is abuzz with activity from dances, proms, theatre productions, and award nights to a farewell reception for our principal, Arthur Dulong, who is retiring in June. The date is May 23rd, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the library and everyone is invited. The Parent's Association, CC Pops and the CCHS Office Administration are sponsoring this event and we hope to see many of you there.

The students are busy preparing for the MCAS, SAT, and AP exams as well as all the activities that lead up to the final days of school in June. The class of 2007 is also busy making plans to provide an appreciation luncheon on May 18th for faculty and staff at CCHS. Speaking of our seniors, 36 of them will present their Senior projects on May 16th at the high school.

Thank you all so much for your incredible support and generosity. Our Annual Appeal campaign, chaired by Karen Sabatino and who has done an outstanding job, has surpassed its goal of \$40,000. Kudos Karen! I would like to personally extend my thanks to all of the families who so generously gave to this year's campaign. All of the money raised will be used to fund grants this spring and next fall. This year we funded a variety of grants impacting all departments and most of our student body. Some examples of your donations hard at work are:

- An Active Board for the Music Department
- A Skutt kiln for the Art Department
- Rock Samples for the Science Department
- A Renaissance instrument for the Theater/Music Department
- DVD's and CD's for the Foreign Language Department
- Funds to train, develop and maintain a student assistance team to work against drug and alcohol abuse

The PA is still looking for volunteers to fill positions on our executive board and various committees for next year. Please contact Rosie Oberg at 978-371-1923 or myself at 978-369-9762 if you are interested or would like further information on the positions available.

Last but not least don't forget to join us for Art Dulong's final coffee on May 7th, in A-7 at 8:30a.m.

Carolyn Hoffman Higgins
CCHS PA President



Opening Day for 2007-2008

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION on Wednesday, September 5, 2007.

FRESHMEN AND UPPERCLASSMEN REPORT on Thursday, September 6, 2007 to begin classes.

OPENING OF SCHOOL INFORMATION mailed home in the BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET IN AUGUST.



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

The students have been wonderful throughout my 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 2007 has set a high standard for others to follow. At this time, we are still compiling the results of the college applications. While I hope they do well in that respect, I hope you and they know that their worth as students and contributors to CCHS extends far beyond that. You can probably tell 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 on 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 years scheduling process to the underclass.

We have begun the scheduling process. Students have selected courses, and in many cases also indicated a second choice. We are beginning to put together the master schedule. When students are allowed to simply “make choices” it would not be reasonable to expect that they would choose courses in exactly the numbers that we could accommodate. A number of courses are over requested. We cannot add any sections, which means we are frequently going to second choice selections in those cases where a course is over requested. This year we are also implementing what we call “universal” alternates if there is a need. That means that if a student did not get into their first choice course nor their second choice course the computer might place them into a “universal alternate” in the same subject. This would be likely to be a rare instance, but it would ensure that a student has a place in a course of the discipline in question. As is the policy, we give priority to seniors, then juniors, etc. It is likely 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.

Of course, we will still have the “arena” days prior to the end of the year to clean up the individual schedule issues that students have. The process is long and involved. With almost 1300 students all making personal selections, and with only 8 blocks to schedule over, there is no way to please everybody completely. I have taken some scheduling steps that I hope will help the “lunch problem”. I want to thank you and your children in advance for your patience with this process.

Third – I need to alert the parents of sophomores, in particular, about the upcoming MCAS tests.

During the week of May 21-25 sophomores will take MCAS tests in Math and History. One day of the math tests allow calculator use. The second day does not allow calculator use. Both days the students are given a page of math facts and formulas for their use. The history test is US History. During the first week of June the students will take MCAS science tests. These tests are either Biology or Chemistry, depending on the course they are now taking. In every case students are given a suggested time frame for completion, but are allowed to take as long as they wish to finish the exam.

A few final thoughts - As I write this we are just beginning to enter the real days of spring. The joy of renewal that spring traditionally brings has been tempered by the sadness of the Virginia Tech incident a short time ago. Situations like that bring focus to the fact that every member of a small community bears responsibility to ensure the safety and security of that community. I have asked our students and faculty to contemplate that, because what we do, what we say, and how we treat those around us makes all the difference in how safe and secure we really are. These students and this faculty are incredibly committed to each other and to the school culture. I know that your consistent support in so many ways also contributes much to the environment we enjoy.

Good-Bye To Our Principal

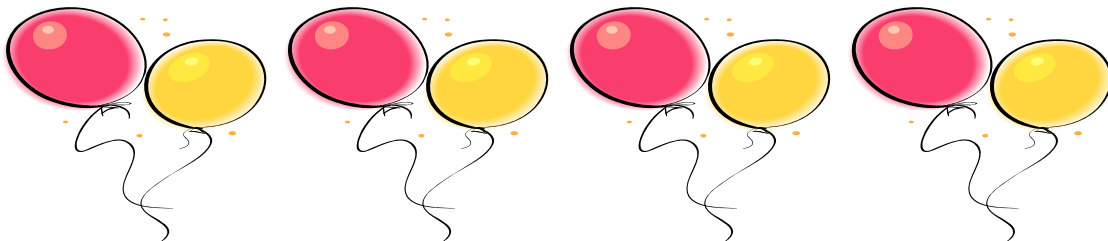
You are invited to a
Retirement Reception
for
Arthur Dulong, Principal
at
Concord-Carlisle High School.

Wednesday
May 23, 2007

2:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Concord-Carlisle High School Library

Everyone is invited - Please pass the word along to alums.



TO MEMBERS OF THE CONCORD-CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

I am pleased to share the news that Mr. Peter Badalament has been offered and has accepted the position of principal and will commence work with the district on July 1, 2007. Some of you may know Mr. Badalament from his tenure at Concord-Carlisle High School from July of 1997 to June of 2001, first as a dean of students and second as an assistant principal. Since 2001, Mr. Badalament has served as principal of Hanover High School (2001-04) and of Bellingham High School (2004 to the present). We are fortunate that he has chosen to join the CCHS educational community and dedicate his efforts to increasing student learning and fostering the growth of young people.

Brenda Finn
Superintendent

VISITORS/GUESTS

*Visitors are most welcome at the high school. We request that appointments be made in advance. All visitors are requested to report first to the Main Office to register. A visitor's pass will be issued for the day. Permission must be obtained from the Principal, or one of the Assistant Principals **BEFORE a guest is brought to school.** A permission form (available in the main office) must be filled out prior to a student visit. 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. We request that all guests be at least of high school age. **PLEASE NOTE, no guests will be allowed on days prior to long weekends or vacations or during exams.***



SENIOR PROJECT FAIR

May 16th - 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

CCHS Library.

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

If you would like to receive the
Spring Newsletter
of the **Concord-Carlisle Teachers Association**
and you have not signed up for it yet, please email us at:
ccta.liaison@cctechners.net
we would be delighted to send it along!

MCAS TESTS TO BE ADMINISTERED - MAY 22ND THROUGH MAY 31ST

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 22nd and May 31st.

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 22 through May 31 to avoid having to reschedule testing. Students will have sufficient time to complete each exam.

2 Volunteer

The new website, <http://mail.colonial.net/~2volunteer/pages/>, has met with excellent response, and has become the go-to source for volunteer opportunities for CCHS students. It is constantly updated and maintained, so check out "What's New/Special Requests" for the most current and immediate needs.

If a student has an exemplary volunteer record, encourage them to submit an application for consideration for the President's Volunteer Service Award, through the website.

Summer is a great time to do volunteer work, and the website contains the details on many summer opportunities.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE NEWS MAY 2007.....

Spring is here, and the School Committee hopes that you all enjoyed a restful spring break. By the time you read this, Concord's Town Meeting may be over. With no overrides proposed for the budgets in Concord, we hope that budget passage goes smoothly. Building improvements will also be voted. The debt exclusion question for building improvements at CCHS passed in Concord on March 27. Thank you to all who voted. We hope that these articles will also pass at Town Meeting. Right now the School Committee is very busy preparing warrant article presentations.

The Willard School Building Committee is continuing its work on the design for the new Willard School with the architect and project manager. The plan is to vote construction funds at a special town meeting in the fall, followed by ratification at the polls. Schematic designs are exciting and have been met with enthusiasm by the community members who have attended forums.

A new principal has been hired to continue the tradition of excellence CCHS has enjoyed under Art Dulong's tenure. Mr. Peter Badalament will be returning to CCHS after serving for six years as a high school principal; three years at Hanover High School and three years at Bellingham High School. We are all excited to have Peter back and congratulate him on his new position.

The School Committee is continuing contract negotiations with both the K-8 and CCHS teacher associations. Negotiations are a difficult part of the school committee role, where student needs and taxpayer concerns meet teacher concerns. The School Committee continues to represent voters to the best of our collective ability.

Finally, on a personal note, this is the last School Committee news I will write, as my term ends in May. It has been a pleasure to serve the town in this important capacity. I encourage others to consider the challenge as well. You may always feel free to call me to discuss the possibility. During my six years of service, the town has supported the schools by building two elementary schools and planning and designing a third. The schools have hired over 50% of our districts' teaching staff, welcomed a new administrative team, weathered the storm of reduced state revenues, and passed overrides. It has been a challenging time for public education, and I do not foresee the challenges subsiding. I encourage all of you to get involved, stay informed, and please vote on school related issues.

Enjoy the spring,
Betsy Bilodeau



AP EXAMS

During the weeks of May 7 through May 18, 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.

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.



SUBSCRIBING TO THE LIST SERVE:

Go to www.lists.ptgconcord.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** 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.**



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.

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:

Lisa Pearl '07 Shelley Mogil '07
Diane Calabro '08 Stephanie Eisenstat '08 Philip Peck '08

We need to elect two 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 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.

CONCORD-CARLISLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Applications for the CCSF are available online at www.CCscholarshipfund.org. Students seeking support for the 2007-2008 academic year should have submitted their applications by April 1, 2007. 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.

REPLACEMENT COSTS

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.

PHYSICALS

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.

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.

WORK PERMITS

See Mrs. Trainor in the main office for Work Permits. You must have a job before a work permit is issued. We are coming on to a busy season so allow 2 days to get a permit. Work Permits applications may be obtained from Mrs. Trainor in the main office between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each day.



May Calendar



1. Possible Town Meeting
2. Possible Town Meeting
Reflections Ceremony after school - Library
3. All Night Live Parent Meeting – 7:30 p.m. room A-8
4. Class Government Elections
Homeroom/ Attendance
5. **SOPHOMORE SEMI**
SAT
6. Peer Leadership – Cafeteria – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
7. **AP EXAMS BEGIN**
PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING – 7:00 P.M. - LIBRARY
Principals Coffee – 8:30 a.m. room A-7
8. Free
9. Free
10. Free
11. Senate Elections
Showcase Music
12. Sophomore Car Wash – off campus
MICCA Festival @ CCHS
Showcase Music
13. Free
14. Attendance Review Board Meeting
JUNIOR/SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT – 7:00 P.M. AUDITORIUM
15. Newsletter Deadline
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION
16. SAC Meeting
SENIOR PROJECT FAIR
17. Free
18. Faculty Lunch – Sponsored by Class 2007
JUNIOR PROM
AP Exams End
Homeroom/ Attendance Reports
19. MICCA Concert
Sophomore Event TBA
Frosh Car Wash
20. Cabaret
21. **FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORE AWARDS NIGHT**
22. **MCAS EXAMS BEGIN**
CCPOPS AWARD NIGHT
23. **RECEPTION FOR ART DULONG – CCHS LIBRARY 2:15 PM TO 4:00 P.M. EVERYONE IS INVITED.**
Chorus/Orchestra Dress Rehearsal
24. Orchestra Pops Concert
25. Free
26. Senate Car Wash – off campus
27. Free
28. **MEMORIAL DAY – NO SCHOOL**
29. **YEARBOOK DEDICATION** (subject to change)
Girl's Softball BBQ – 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
30. **SENIOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST** (subject to change)
31. MCAS Exams End



Concord/Concord-Carlisle Public Schools – Calendar for 2007-2008

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***SEPTEMBER 5** – CCHS ORIENTATION FOR GRADE 9 AND NEW UPPERCLASSMEN
FIRST DAY FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 6 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS EXCEPT FOR GRADE 6

Approved by SC: 1/23/07

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE 2007

Monday 6/18/07	Tuesday 6/19/07	Wednesday 6/20/07	Thursday 6/21/07
H Exam 7:35	C Exam 7:35	B Exam 7:35	A Exam
<p>If you have a study hall or the second half of a science lab period scheduled during an Exam Period, you should report to the cafeteria for a study. Bring study materials with you.</p>			
10:15	10:15	10:15	10:15
10:20 Lunch	10:20 Lunch	10:20 Lunch	10:20 Lunch
11:20	11:20	11:20	11:20
11:25 G Exam	11:25 F Exam	11:25 E Exam	11:25 D Exam
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2:05	2:05	2:05	2:05

Senior Class 2007

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 2007 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

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.

The Senior Graduation Letter was mailed in April. All parents and seniors should read this information carefully.

Additional Senior Information on next page



senior week

BBQ

Monday, June 4, 2007

Cost: FREE



This year, rather than having the BBQ outside the lower gym, the parents of the class of 2007 are moving the BBQ to the beach. Students will be bussed to Salisbury Beach at the conclusion of the assembly (typically around 11am) and will return to CC no later than 5pm.

In order to attend, students must turn in a permission slip.

Parent chaperones are needed in order for this event to run. If you are able to help out, please check the box below.

Please fill out the permission slip below and return it (to Ms. Karban).

If mailing permission slips, please send to:

Erica Karban, Class 2007
Concord-Carlisle High School
500 Walden Street
Concord, MA 01742

Please return permission slip by Friday, May 11, 2007.

I, _____, give my son/daughter _____
(print parent/guardian name) (print student name)

permission to attend the class of 2007 BBQ at Salisbury Beach on Monday, June 4, 2007.

(parent signature)

In the event of an emergency, I may be reached at the following number:

(home) _____ (work) _____

(cell) _____ (other) _____

I am available to help chaperone this event. _____
(email address)

Class of 2007 senior week Six Flags

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Depart CCHS: 8:45am

Return to CCHS: 6:45pm

Cost: \$30 (including transportation)

Parent chaperones are needed in order for this event to take place.

If interested in attending, please fill out the permission slip below and return (to Ms. Karban) with a check made payable to **CCHS, Class of 2007**. If mailing permission slips/check, please send to:

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Concord-Carlisle High School
500 Walden Street
Concord, MA 01742

Deadline for permission slips/checks is Friday, May 11, 2007.

I, _____, give my son/daughter _____
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permission to attend the class of 2007 field trip to Six Flags New England on Wednesday, June 6, 2007.

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I am available to help chaperone this event. _____
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Junior Class 2008

No News This Month

Sophomore Class 2009

No News This Month

Freshmen Class 2010

No News This Month

8th Grade Class 2011

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. Included in this packet you will receive the Parent/Student Handbook. Students and parents should read this handbook and keep it handy to use as a reference for the school year.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A description of courses, programs, and graduation requirements will be found in the Program of Studies booklet given to each student at the time of registration. Occasionally, parent/student information evenings are planned to discuss curriculum. These programs are listed in the monthly school newsletter and/or class parent support group mailings. For further information about specific courses, please speak with the appropriate department chairperson, coordinator, or representative.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete information concerning course requirements may be found in the Program of Studies booklet given to each student at the time of registration. Only those students who have satisfied all graduation requirements by the last day of class for seniors may participate in the graduation ceremony. Any questions concerning requirements should be directed to the student's guidance counselor.

EARLY GRADUATION

Information regarding early graduation at the end of the first semester of the senior year may be obtained from the Principal's Secretary. Applications are made in September.

COURSE SELECTION

Each spring, students, in consultation with their parents, teachers, and guidance counselor, select their program of studies for the coming year. Each student must schedule and attend regularly a minimum of six courses, including health and fitness, each semester. The Principal must approve all exceptions. Every effort is made to ensure that course selections are appropriate.

THE ARENA

After all course selections are processed, schedules for the coming school year are distributed to students. An opportunity to adjust schedules, known as the arena, is held at the beginning of June. Guidance counselors are available to help resolve course conflicts and to ensure an appropriate schedule. Students may request arena appointments according to procedure that are established for that purpose.

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!

Hi parents of incoming seniors!

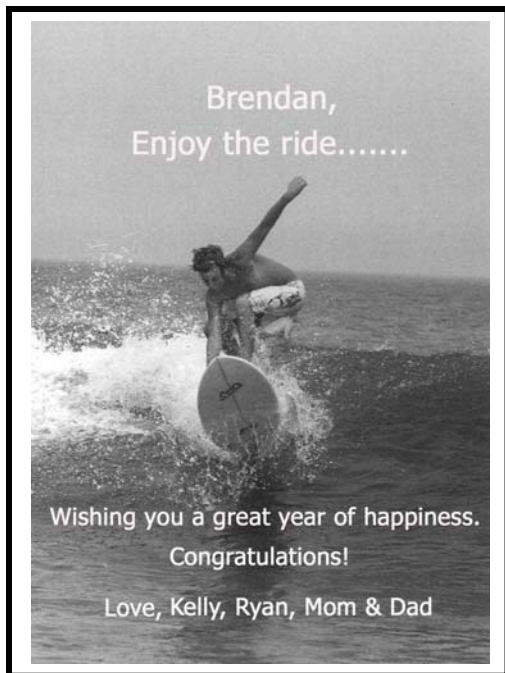
Get your messages into next year's student planners now congratulating them on their senior year.

We'd like to offer the opportunity to you as parents to print a message to your senior -- one that they'll see every day. The cost is \$25 for a business card size (3 1/2" x 4 1/8"). Your student will receive a FREE assignment planner.

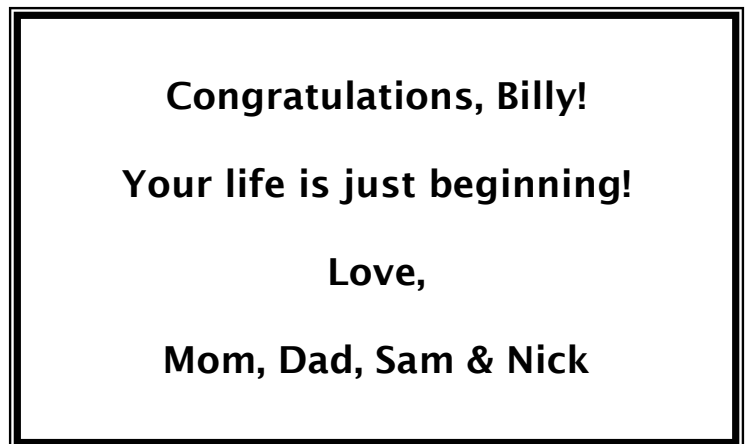
Interested? Email your message to Marcy Guttadauro at guttafish@comcast.net. Send the \$25 check made out to CCHS Class of 2010 to Linda Fabrizio, 58 Patch Meadow Lane, Carlisle, MA 01741.

Hurry, the deadline is Monday, May 7th.

Thanks!



Example



Example

TIME TO GET YOUR CCHS

**School Planner
Student Assignment Notebook
for
School Year 2007 - 2008**

Great for tracking school assignments AND full of information including the school calendar, class events, sporting events, dances, plays, CCPops, meetings, administrative names and contact phone numbers – it is all here in an easy-to-use format. Get organized! These planners are great for parents to have as well – helpful in keeping track of the kids and their schedules and activities.

This is a fundraiser for the Class of 2010.

Cost of Pre-Ordered Planners - \$8 each / Purchased at School - \$10

Pre-ordered planners will be distributed to students in their homeroom the first day of school. Limited additional planners will be sold during lunch breaks the first few days of school in the fall. A limited number are available, and once sold, you're out of luck!

Name and year of student/s for whom you are ordering a planner:

_____	2008	2009	2010	2011
_____	2008	2009	2010	2011
_____	2008	2009	2010	2011

Number of Planners _____ **x \$8 = \$** _____ **paid**

Please make checks out to "CCHS Class of 2010"

Parent Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please mail your order to Lisa Harris 597 School Street, Carlisle, MA 01741

Orders accepted through August 15th; if you do not order, a few additional planners may be available on a first come/first serve basis the first day of school. Once inventory is sold, no additional orders are taken. So, get your order in early.

Thanks for your support!

“Counselor Bulletin”

May 2007

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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 may be 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 5, 2007 SAT I/SAT II test must bring a Picture ID to their test site. Counselors can provide an alternative form of identification if students do not have a picture ID.

June SATs

The registration deadline for the June 2, 2007 SAT I and SAT II is April 27th. Late registration is May 9th.

www.collegeboard.com

SAT Prep Session

Students taking the SAT test on Saturday, May 5th, should consider attending a two-part prep session for the verbal portion of that test offered by Mr. Angney of the English Department. The classes will meet early in the morning--6 AM to be exact-- on Thursday and Friday, May 3rd and 4th. Students will have mini-lessons on strategies for the multiple-choice questions and write a sample, timed essay which Mr. Angney, an experienced reader for ETS, will critique. Students should listen for the morning announcement about the sessions and sign up in the English Office as directed. (No walk-ins will be admitted.)

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 Counseling 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 Counseling 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 Counseling 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.