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It seems like yesterday -- actually it was 1994 -- that I stood waiting for the school bus with an anxious but excited 5 year old who was about to enter school for the first time. When he came home that afternoon with a pencil that said Class of 2007, I laughed and thought 2007 would never come. Well, it has, bringing with it June and graduation for not only my son, but also 300 of his fellow classmates. The end of the school year is quite often a time of reflection. Whether it is a bittersweet time filled with many memories or a time of transition, it is a time of completion for everyone. Our seniors are only days away from graduating and the numerous activities that senior week brings. I offer my congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2007 as well as all departing families.

I would first like to extend a huge thank you to the PA Executive Board. The adage "many hands make light work" proved true this year as they all made my term as President much easier with their continuous support and cooperative attitudes. **Linda, Rosie, Meena, Margaret, and Bernadette**: you are the best.

Many thanks to everyone else in the CCHS community for all their support in the activities and events sponsored by the Parents Association this year. Many of you graciously volunteered to work on projects, participate in committees, and serve as class parent advisors for the benefit of the school and our children. It takes many individuals to accomplish what we do every year and you are all truly appreciated.

The Nominating committee has completed its job and nearly all of the positions are filled for next year. **The new President is Linda Pine**, who did an incredible job this year as V.P. of Programs. **Meena Rajgopal and Sue Myers will assist her as Vice Presidents**. While **Rosie Oberg and Margaret Franklin** are stepping down after two years and will be missed, they will not be forgotten as they move on to other activities at CCHS. **Our new Secretary is Pam Gechijian** and our treasury will continue to be in the capable hands of **Bernadette Derosiers LeBlanc**. My heartfelt thanks again to all of you. If anyone is interested in a position on any of the PA committees its not too late. Please contact me or any member of the Executive Board to discuss responsibilities or for more information.

Thanks again to all of you who contributed to our Annual Appeal campaign. As reported, last month we reached a record of over \$43,000 in contributions and were able to fund a second round of spring grants this year. **Sandra Curran**, who previously served as treasurer of the PA for two years, will be the incoming Chair of our Annual Appeal for the upcoming academic year.

All Night Live, held each year for the departing senior class, will take place after graduation June 9th beginning at 9:30 p.m. **Cheryl Baggen, Kathe Falzer and the entire committee** have put a tremendous amount of time and effort into this all night, safe party for the senior class held on school property. It promises to be a wonderful ending to their four years as students at CCHS.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Art Dulong, Louisa Coleman, the administrative and custodial staff as well as the faculty for all that they do each and every day for our children. It has been my privilege and pleasure to work with all of these dedicated and hardworking people.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

Carolyn Hoffman Higgins, PA President

CCHS Graduation, 2007 Video

CCTV will video tape this year's graduation of CCHS, Class of 2007, on June 9.

The ceremony will be replayed on Comcast Channel 8 and DVDs will be available from CCTV for \$20 each.

To reserve a DVD, email manager@concordtv.org --please include your name, address, phone and email--or call 978.369.5038.



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.



FINAL NOTES FROM ART DULONG

This is my last newsletter article. Being the final statement to the parents, students, and general community it allows me a moment to reflect on the past six years as well as to contemplate the next few years for the school.

The past six years have flown by for me. The trite adage about time flying while having fun is true. I have greatly enjoyed the students, teachers, staff, parents, and the other people from Concord and Carlisle whose path I have crossed. The students at CCHS are continually impressive. Year after year they display talent, wisdom, commitment, and determination far beyond the ordinary. Mostly, they are wonderful human beings who are sensitive, caring, and polite. They are young people with a strong character based on a firm moral and ethical base. I cannot imagine working with a better group of youth.

My association with the parents of the community illuminates the reason for the students' excellence. I have never seen such devoted parents. Whether it is fundraising, helping at school functions, supporting teachers, supporting one's own child, or planting flowers on the school property, the parents have been overwhelmingly terrific. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do to make this a school that you can be proud of.

I know everyone appreciates the professional staff at CCHS. They are great and for good reason. The working conditions and some of the atmosphere created by the students and parents as mentioned above helps us attract a fabulous candidate pool from which to choose. Once here the professionalism and the high expectations that we have at CCHS are obvious to the newcomers. When you take a highly qualified professional and place them into an environment that encourages excellence the result is predictable. I hope people also appreciate the work of the non-professional staff at CCHS. The secretaries, custodians, tutors, kitchen workers, bus drivers and so forth all are hard workers who want to do their best for the school. I am particularly proud of the work that the front office staff does. Louisa Coleman is a critical piece of everything I do. Sharon Trainor, Kathy Merry, and Martha Hammer create a welcoming and comforting atmosphere for everyone who needs to traverse the bureaucracy of the school culture. Mary Tessari is unbelievable as she processes upwards of 2500 college applications with grace and dignity in a highly stressful environment that does not allow even a single mistake. I often wonder if people in Concord and Carlisle really appreciate what they have in these dedicated individuals. I hope so. They are special.

During these past six years I have strived to promote the values that I believe are necessary for a school to function in a way that benefits everyone. For me the crucial elements are those things that help people feel safe, comfortable, respected, and loved. I have always believed that the academic excellence of a school relies, not so much on curriculum, homework, or individual lessons that occur on a daily basis, but on the manner in which all of that is done and the way that the students feel about their place in the school community. Students who do not feel valued, who do not feel safe, or who do not feel respected will not do their best regardless of their abilities or the abilities of the teachers. For me, the culture and the atmosphere of the school is where it all begins. I think we are in a good place with respect to that. Over the past six years I have been able to give students more say in their own school world. I've done that by adding more students to committees such as the School Committee Advisory group and the School Advisory Council. We now have a functioning Student Senate that has already begun to make a difference in the daily life of the student. Also, through social agencies such as the Concord Youth Alliance we have been able to structure opportunities for student leadership. My values have been evident in many other decisions. We have maintained our guidance and social workers in the face of budgetary challenges. Every hiring decision is based on a simple question, "How well will this person interact with students?" We have tried to take advantage of every opportunity we had to add a sport or activity. These are some of the things that have proved to be important and meaningful. I am comfortable that I am leaving a school that is a great place for students to learn, mature, and grow into adulthood.

The future of the school is rosy. Mr. Peter Badalament is a great choice to be the next principal. He will enter in July knowing a great deal about the community and the school because he worked here for five years earlier in his career. He enters with six years of experience being a principal, which will greatly shorten any learning curve. Peter enters a school that has the best staff it has ever had. Peter returns to Concord at a time when the district leadership is established and strong. I am excited to turn the reins over to someone that I can have full faith in. I believe Peter shares many of the values that I hold dear with respect to education. You will get to know him soon and I trust that you will embrace him, support him, and encourage him with the same vigor and enthusiasm that you have shown to me.

On that note, thanks to all of you for making these six years the most significant and satisfying of my 37 year career in education. I will always value the friends I made during my time at CCHS. My sincere best wishes to all of you as you work to create an even better CCHS.

Lost and Found
Items in the lost and found box will be sent to Goodwill next week. If you are missing anything check it out now.

Lockers
Now is the time for all students who have lockers to start cleaning them out.

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@ccteachers.net** we would be delighted to send it along!

VISITORS/GUESTS

Visitors are most welcome at the high school and we request that all appointments be made in advance. All visitors are requested to report first to the Main Office to register and a visitor's pass will be issued to them 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 of high school age. **PLEASE NOTE, no guests will be allowed on days prior to long weekends, vacations or during exams.**

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** 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.



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.

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 Permit applications may be obtained from Mrs. Trainor in the main office between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each day.

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.

CCHS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL VOTING BALLOT

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.

PLEASE VOTE FOR TWO PARENTS LISTED BELOW – CIRCLE 2 NAMES

Lisa Pearl

Shelley Mogil

Please fill out the ballot and send it to Louisa Coleman at CCHS – 500 Walden Street – Concord, MA 01742 or email lcoleman@colonial.net with your vote. **Deadline for vote is June 21st.**

In Your Back to School Packet

Student/Parent Handbook – read and become familiar with its contents.

Everything you will need to know is in this handbook



**Clear up any attendance issues as soon as possible.
See Mrs. Merry in the main office if you have any questions.**

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.

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NEWS FROM 2VOLUNTEER, THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO CCHS

Attention to all incoming Freshmen:

As you may know, there is a requirement for graduation from CCHS for the completion of 40 documented hours of community service. As you may also know, there is an active organization at CCHS for assisting students in making the connection between their interests and the hundreds of agencies in the region who depend on volunteer help for completing their missions. You can find out more about the Community Service program at CCHS by logging onto the website <http://mail.colonial.net/~2volunteer/pages/>. Included is an explanation of the program, as well as detailed listings of the volunteer needs, categorized by type of service. The organization, 2Volunteer, is a group of parents whose mission is help make the community connections, and we can be reached at 2volunteer@colonial.net. Incoming freshmen can begin accumulating the hours towards the graduation requirement this summer (see next notice).

Summer Opportunities:

Summer is an excellent time to serve your community with volunteer work. Many organizations depend on the help of young people, and these are listed on the website referenced above.

Feedback:

The 2Volunteer website has been up and running for just a few months, but in this short time it has become an important resource for students in finding volunteer opportunities that match their interests and availability. Check it out. We are very interested in your feedback on how the website helped you, or did not help you, in finding the opportunity you were looking for. Contact us at 2volunteer@colonial.net.

Record all your volunteer hours:

Even though the requirement for graduation is only 40 hours, many students perform several times this number, but fail to record those hours once they have satisfied the basic requirement. While the purpose of community service is its own reward, there are also many recognitions for extraordinary service, and these serve as inspiration to other students. Be sure to record ALL your time on the forms available on the website!

Who Cares?:

Many CCHS students were featured in a CCTV documentary series called Who Cares?, relating their experiences with volunteer work, and the effect it had on their lives and the lives of others. The segment aired several times in May, and will undoubtedly be shown again. Catch it!

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.

Students looking for Community Service Hours during the summer should see Mrs. Coleman. Schedules are for the month of August. Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Days and times are flexible.

Junior and Seniors -

Open Campus Forms will be distributed in homerooms. All forms must be returned to the main office by Friday, June 15. Take care of this paperwork now, don't wait until summer or fall.

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
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JUNE CALENDAR

1. Band Pops
Homeroom/Attendance
2. Sophomore Charity Event
SAT
3. Free
4. **Senior Last Day/ Graduation Rehearsal/Sr. Assembly**
5. **Graduation Rehearsal/ Cap & Gown Distribution**
MCAS
6. MCAS
7. Senior Prom
MCAS
8. Homeroom
9. **Graduation / Graduation Reception / All Night Live**
10. Free
11. ARB Meeting
12. Homeroom/ Attendance
13. **Special Town Meeting**
14. **Special Town Meeting**
15. Freshmen Fling
16. Free
17. Free
18. **Final Exams** *H & G Exams*
19. **Final Exams** *C & F Exams*
20. **Final Exams** *B & E Exams*
21. **Final Exams** *A & D Exams* - **Last Day of School for Students**
22. Teacher Professional Day
23. Free
24. Free
25. Free
26. Free
27. Free
28. Free
29. **September Newsletter Deadline** –
Classes - If you want something included in the Back to School Packet it MUST be in TODAY.

**Summer Vacation**

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 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.

JUNIOR CLASS 2008 **NO NEWS THIS MONTH**

SOPHOMORE CLASS 2009

It seems like the year has flown by as we launch into the last few weeks of the 2006-2007 school year. Thank you to the many parents, kids and teachers, too numerous to name individually, who contributed to our recent events:

- For the Sophomore Semi: It was amazing to see the cafeteria become "the Secret Garden"; it was just beautiful. More than 350 kids filled the garden, all so handsomely and beautifully dressed. The weather was perfect, the food delicious and a good time was had by all.
- For the parent social: Thank you to the Hechts, especially to Ken who so graciously hosted the evening even after learning that Patty had to be out of town. It was a very enjoyable evening and pleasure to catch up with our friends!
- And the Spring Fling: Many thanks to Tricia Reed and Ann Marks for co-chairing the Senior Citizen Event and to the many parents and students who assisted. The seniors had a very enjoyable afternoon and the Class of 2009 made us proud.

We wish all your families a happy and safe summer. Please stay tuned to the email list for any additional news between now and the end of school. Just think when we return in the fall our sons and daughters will be upperclassmen.

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

FRESHMEN CLASS 2010

From the heavy snow fall in mid-March to the sunny evening in May, the Class of 2010 and their parents have been keeping busy. Deb and Eric Schurr (parents of Alex) graciously hosted the 2nd Freshman Class Parent Social at their lovely home in Carlisle where enthusiastic parents gathered to reconnect with friends and meet new ones. THANK YOU Deb and Eric for entertaining on that snowy week-end!

Spring has finally sprung and the freshman class celebrated with a barbeque on Friday evening, May 11th in the CCHS courtyard. The weather, music, food and company made the evening a huge success! Thanks to ALL the volunteers who worked that evening and/or behind the scenes: Brooke Cragan, Robert Desrosiers, Ara Gechjian, Brooks Stevens, Simone Taylor, Sumin Tchen, Greg Winter, Patti Worth, Class of 2010 teacher reps., class officers & parent reps., as well as the many freshman students who helped set-up and clean-up. This event would not have happened if it wasn't for you! Again, THANK YOU!

How does doing your food shopping and having your car washed at the same time sound? If you are thinking that this sounds too good to be true, then come on down to Crosby's Marketplace (Sudbury Road, Concord) to join the Class of 2010 at their first annual Car Wash, Saturday, May 19th from 10 am to 2 pm. Thank you in advance to Cecile Sandwen, Simone Taylor, Bernadette Desrosiers LeBlanc and the other parents who have volunteered to help out at the car wash. See you on the 19th!

As the school year comes to a close, the freshman class is planning to have their "Freshman Fling" in June. Details to follow...

8TH GRADE CLASS 2011

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you at Freshmen Orientation on Wednesday, September 6. Look for your Back to School Packet which will be mailed to you the second week in August. This packet will contain all of the information you will need to begin your first school year at CCHS. Parents, be sure to sign up for the List Serve, instructions are in this newsletter.

All Classes Please Take Note:

PLEASE

**Any Flyers, Articles, or Information
for the
Back to School Packet
in August,
must be turned in
to Mrs. Coleman
no later than June 29th.**

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!

“Counselor Bulletin”

June 2007

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Congratulations to the Class of 2007!

Final Report Card

Every year many students and families miss information on the **fourth quarter report card** that can have consequences if not responded to in a timely fashion. Students should check for credit reductions (*), incompletes (I), and F's. Getting an F in English or Health and Fitness might require a last minute decision to attend summer school.

Students must obtain **prior** approval from appropriate department chairs to get credit for summer school courses. After school is out approval may be obtained from the high school administration. Incompletes (I's) should be attended to in September as they change to F's if not completed by the end of the **first quarter**. Quarter four credit reductions should be cleared up **immediately** upon return in September by getting them signed off or by appealing them to the **Attendance Review Board**.

Summer School Facts

Minuteman Regional High School, Lexington, MA
781-861-7150 or 7151 www.Minuteman.org

Action-Boxborough High School, Acton, MA
978-264-4700 ext. 3497 www.ab.mec.edu

METCO, Inc., will mail registration information to Boston families.

Belmont Hill School, Belmont, MA
617-993-5215 Janice Campisi

Middlesex Community College
1-800-818-3434 sessions starting early June, www.middlesex.cc.ma.us

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 from Mary Tessari in the CCHS Records Office, have it signed by the appropriate department chair for each course, and return the form to Sharon Trainor in 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 in addition to the number of hours the course meets for courses other than the summer programs listed above.



Notes from the Nurse....

We wish all those in the graduating class of 2007 the best of health as they continue in their life's journey. Research concludes that healthy students learn better. To make the next school year 2007 – 2008 as healthy as possible, school health plans are developed for students with allergies, asthma and other chronic conditions if the school nurse is notified by the parent/guardian. Contact the office regarding potential health needs for next year during regular school hours or leave a message at 978-341-2490 extension 7158. Check the school website.

Participating in interscholastic sports is a great way to stay fit. All athletes **must** have a copy of their annual physical examination **on file** in the Health Office to be **eligible for try-outs**. Updated exams and vaccinations should be forwarded to the Health Office no later than **August 10, 2007**. Interim physicals are not accepted, as per Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) rules. All athletes must check the expiration date of their physical as recorded in the Health Office to ensure their eligibility for fall sports. ***Please stop by the Health Office before the end of the school year.***

Summer packets will include an emergency card which needs to be completed on both sides and returned to the Health Office by mail or in homerooms on the first day of school. This is vital information for the care of an ill or injured student. Have a great summer!



Making the Most of Summer

Summer vacation can provide an opportunity for students to explore career and college options, shore up academic skills, and engage in various enrichment experiences.

Summer work or volunteer experience can be valuable activities. Many students use summer volunteer work to meet their community service requirement. The extra flexibility of summer schedule allows for a deeper level of involvement or for service in a more interesting setting than might be possible during the school year. Community service, internships, or summer jobs can provide a way to explore possible career interests.

For juniors, the summer provides the opportunity to research colleges through web-sites and to visit colleges in which they have an interest. Summer is also good time to identify scholarship information online. The Guidance section of the CCHS website provides an introduction to college research and links to many useful sites.

Summer also offers the opportunity for academic endeavors. Area summer schools provide programs for students needing to make up credits for high school course work, and several colleges offer summer enrichment programs which may include living on campus. Some students use the summer as an opportunity to prepare for the SAT or ACT.

Individual activities such a travel, summer reading, and various personal experiences can also broaden horizons and may provide learning opportunities not available during the school year.

Students who are interested in learning more about any of the options above should visit the Counseling Resource Center.

Have a Great Summer!!!!