

CCHS NEWSLETTER

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



Dear CCHS Parents,

As we approach November and this busy time of year, I hope you'll find time in your schedules to join us for two important and sure-to-be informative sessions being sponsored by the CCHS PA:

- On **Tuesday, October 30, 7:30 to 9 PM, in the CCHS Library**, the PA, together with the Center for Parents and Teachers, is pleased to present **"HOW TO FOSTER AND MAINTAIN PROTECTIVE AND SATISFYING INTERACTIONS WITH YOUR ADOLESCENT"** featuring **Rick Irving, LicSW**. This workshop explores the tremendous growth, changes, and emotions experienced by adolescents; the coping mechanisms they employ; and the approaches and techniques that we as parents can use to establish emotionally satisfying communication as our teens struggle between dependence and independence. There's certainly something we can all learn and take away from this program. For planning purposes, pre-registration is appreciated. Please contact the CPT at: amartinez@colonial.net or 978-202-1146.
- **NOTE REVISED DATE AGAIN:** We are delighted to have **Peter Badalament** as our speaker on **Thursday, November 8, in the CCHS Library at 7:30 p.m.** (*We have again rescheduled due to the possibility of Town Meeting extending to the 7th*). It will be a great opportunity for us to meet with Peter in a casual setting and hear his observations and reflections on his first two months back at CCHS. Please plan to join us for a lively, informal, and informative discussion.

I wanted to take this opportunity to mention that due to an administrative problem, the PA's weekly email bulletin *Chit Chat* has not been appearing this year. However, we've found that – thanks to the existence of multiple other communication vehicles (Daily Announcements, class emails, general emails, etc.) – announcements seem to be reaching parents in a timely manner, and that the weekly *Chit Chat* may no longer be necessary. In the interest of relieving you of duplicative emails, we are inclined to discontinue it. Please let me know if you have any comments or concerns about this, and if it is needed, we can take the necessary steps to restore it.

I mentioned last month that our fall grants cycle was getting under way. During October, our **Grants Committee Chair, Susan Mills**, met with the faculty chairs to review the grants process with them, discuss recent grants, and get their feedback. Our hope is to generate even more interest, especially among some of the departments that have not taken full advantage of the grants process in recent years. The fall grants are funded by our membership campaign, which was very successful: 70% of CCHS families joined the Parents Association so far this year; we greatly appreciate your support. Thanks to **Paula von Kleydorff** for all of her efforts as **Membership Chair**.

We are also grateful to the nearly 200 families who volunteered to help on one of our committees or to support specific activities during the year. Without such widespread support and participation, we would not be able to provide all the valuable services to our students and to the school that we do. I also want to extend appreciation to our **Volunteer Coordinator, Diane Calabro**, who has compiled the list of volunteers and shared them with the respective committee chairs.

You have hopefully also noticed the great work of our **Campus Beautification** Committee, working this year under the guidance of **Kathy Balles**. We have a group of 30 dedicated gardeners who contribute their horticultural passion and expertise to making the gardens around the school as beautiful and inviting as they are.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the tireless work of the **Parent Class Advisors** for the classes of 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011, lead respectively by **Brenda Delsener, Claudia Feeney, Mary Horvath, and Jill Robitaille**. They and their teams work with the Class Officers and Teacher Advisors for each class to plan the many activities and fund-raisers held by and for the benefit of each class throughout the year. In addition, the parent advisors have been meeting as a full team this year to share best practices and provide guidance and assistance to one another. Thanks to you all.

On behalf of the CCHS PA Board,
Linda Pine, President
978-369-3039 or lkpine@comcast.net



 **NOTES FROM PETER BADALAMENT**

As we finish out our second month of school, students and staff have settled into their established patterns. When you visit classrooms you will find students truly engaged in learning on a regular basis. That is one of the most wonderful things about this school – teachers understand the value of the time spent in the classroom and they work hard to bring out the best in students every day.

One way in which we know that our students are learning what is outlined in the Massachusetts Frameworks is by looking at our MCAS results. Results from the spring 2007 test were mailed home in mid-October. We are very proud of our students for the effort that they put into taking this battery of tests. Overall, scores have continued to improve over the course of the past three years.

Highlights of this year's results include:

- 98% of the current junior class passed both the English Language Arts and the Mathematics sections and have received their Competency Determination
- 95% of the students achieved a score of Advanced or Proficient on the English Language Arts test
- 90% of the students achieved a score of Advanced or Proficient on the Math test

Members of the Class of 2009 who did not achieve a passing score on either section of the test will have an opportunity to retest during early November. It is important to note that MCAS results are only one indicator of student achievement, and they should not be viewed as an assessment of a student's potential.

Other items worthy of note include:

- The first quarter comes to a close on November 9.
- The Cheer Team held a wonderful first annual CCHS Cheer Classic in which cheer squads from over twelve area schools competed.
- CCHS recently hosted a small contingent of visitors from Japan. A larger group is coming in March to perform with the Band.
- We had a great turn out at Back to School night.
- In case you missed it, the Drama program put on a series of plays it called "3x3x3." The group is gearing up for performances of "Animal Crackers" in December.

I hope that you and your family have a terrific Thanksgiving holiday. (Don't forget to come out and root for our football team on Thanksgiving morning at 10 am here at the CCHS stadium.)



Happy Thanksgiving



*When you visit CCHS, you will notice more prominent signage requesting that visitors first report to the Principal's office. Please do comply with this as it is important that we know who is in the building. All Visitors Must Sign In at the Main Office. Visitors must be issued a Visitor Pass to walk through the buildings. **No Exceptions!***



CONCORD/CARLISLE ANNUAL FOOTBALL WORKDAY



On Saturday November 17th, the CCHS Football players will be available for hire in the towns of Concord and Carlisle for raking and light yard work. The money raised supports the High School Football team as well as provides a needed service for a reasonable price. The fee is \$15 per player per hour with a minimum of two players for three hours. Please call or email Laura McKenna at DLDJMCK@aol.com or 508-361-2243



**SECOND ANNUAL JAPAN INITIATIVE ART SALE
DECEMBER 6--MAIN OFFICE CORRIDOR--2:00-9:00**

The work of artists Marvin Jacobs and Ardys Arlin will again be sold in the Main Office corridor during the December 6 Conference Day to help defray the local costs of our Japanese sister city's annual October visit and other Japan-related student activities. Please stop by during your student's non-class time.

ATTENTION PARENTS: VOLUNTEER TRANSLATORS NEEDED

From time to time CCHS has need of adult volunteers to help with written or spoken translation. Some families who are new to the CCHS community may need assistance with the registration process or translation during meetings with teachers and administrators. Written translation of information published by the school is also necessary for some students and parents at CCHS.

While CCHS has access to commercial translation organizations, these services often lack the personal connection of someone who lives in the community. CCHS is surveying the parent community for such resources and is hoping to develop a data bank of volunteers in several languages.

If you are a parent of a CCHS student or other adult in the Concord, Carlisle, or Boston communities with writing or speaking skills in a language other than English and would be willing to offer your services, we would love to hear from you. Please fill out the tear-off section below and return it to Neil Lynch, English Language Development Coordinator, Concord-Carlisle High School, 500 Walden Street, Concord, MA. 01742 or email the information to nlynch@colonial.net

TRANSLATION SURVEY

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please Print Clearly

E-mail address: _____

I am fluent in the following foreign language(s):

I would be willing to help out with the following: (check all that apply)

_____ **Written Translations**

_____ **Oral Translations**

_____ **Both Written and Oral Translations**

The best times to contact me are: _____



2 Volunteer

If you haven't already done so, check out the new, revised, and constantly updated 2Volunteer website. Go to the CCHS homepage, click on Information, and then Community Service Opportunities. Or go directly to the site at <http://mail.colonial.net/~2volunteer/pages/>, and bookmark it for easy future access.

Watch for us at a table in the cafeteria every other Tuesday lunch break. We can help you find a match for your volunteer interests.

You can jumpstart your community service this Fall and Holiday season (even this weekend!) by clicking on What's New/Special Requests from the 2Volunteer home page. Or go to the Opportunities listings for access to information on the 100 or so agencies and organizations who need volunteers.

Students can make a huge difference to those looking for help!

With "just a few keystrokes" you can make a big difference...

CCHS FRINGE FESTIVAL TRIP 2008

The drama department will perform "Animal Crackers" during the Fringe Festival in Scotland summer of 2008. We have applied for a grant with Hamburger Helper. **WE NEED OUR COMMUNITY'S RESPONSE TO GET HAMBURGER HELPER TO NOTICE OUR GRANT SUBMISSION OVER THE MANY OTHERS THEY RECEIVE.** All you have to do is go to the site highlighted below and send in a comment

<http://www.myhometownhelper.com/ViewProject.aspx?tell=2&id=31629>

Please forward the link to all of your friends and family and ask them to participate as well. Thank you for your help.

Claudia Nimar, Parent Volunteer - cnimar@aol.com

ATTENDANCE REGULATION

A FULL DAY'S ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY, GAME, DANCE, ETC.

IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES THAT RESULT IN AN ABSENCE FROM A CLASS OR A DAY OF ABSENCE, THE PRINCIPAL MAY RULE ON ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY.

GUIDELINE FOR EARNING COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT

To earn credit for community service, the service activity must:

- Meet the definition of community service.
- Be performed in the same school year or previous summer.
- Be carried through to completion.
- Be supervised by a person other than a relative of the service provider.

In addition, community service credit will only be awarded to those students who have submitted a fully completed **Project Completion Form** for **each** community service project or have had their name submitted on a list by their supervisor as part of a group service project.

NOTE: Any exceptions to the above definitions and guidelines can only be made with the full knowledge and prior approval of the class administrators, Ms. Truslow or Dr. Weinstein.

Excessive Tardiness to School

If a student is unexcused tardy to school more than three times in a year, that student is subject to disciplinary action. The consequences for the excessive tardiness will be determined by the assistant principal, but may include detention, multiple detentions, and suspension for one or more days, assignment of community service hours, or any other of the regularly used school consequences.



CONCORD-CARLISLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The 2008 Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund (CCSF) applications and instructions are ready for downloading from our website, www.ccscholarshipfund.org.

All CCSF scholarship recipients must demonstrate financial need. However, community organizations that use the CCSF applications for their own decision-making have their own criteria that may, or may not, include financial need as a criterion. Therefore, we encourage all students seeking scholarship assistance to complete the CCSF application. For further information, visit the website.

There are 138 students receiving a total of \$193,625 in 2007-08 scholarship awards issued by the CCSF and its affiliates. These include 57 members of the Class of 2007 and 81 college sophomores, juniors, and seniors. We urge you to remind graduates who return for visits to CCHS of their eligibility and encourage them to file "in-college" applications. These may also be downloaded from the CCSF website.

Last spring, three new CCSF Named Fund scholarships were awarded. These include:

- **The Adrian A. Martinez Memorial Scholarship** (two \$5,000 scholarships awarded to one boy and to one girl with a preference for those who have demonstrated a commitment to long-distance running).
Daniel Fidler and Caitlin Moss are the 2007-08 recipients.
- **The Barbara Schips Miller Scholarship** (preference given to students who have a strong interest in pursuing studies in the field of psychology or its allied sciences).
Madeline Haff is the 2007-08 recipient.
- **The Albert L. Powers Scholarship** (preference given to young women aspiring to careers in science, engineering, or mathematics).
Arielle Spivey is the 2007-08 recipient.

Next spring, **The Video Revolution, Ralph & Ellie Grossi Scholarship** will be awarded for the first time. Preference for this award will be given to students who have demonstrated a solid work ethic, integrity, and responsibility.

All Named Fund scholarships are awarded annually, in perpetuity. A complete listing of Named Fund scholarships may be viewed on the CCSF website.

In addition, CCSF's national affiliate, *Scholarship America*, manages several scholarship programs that are open to the general public. To learn more about these, please go to Scholarship America's Scholarship Management Services website at http://scholarshipamerica.org/students/open_scholarships.html.

If you have questions that remain unanswered by the website or suggestions that will increase the effectiveness of the CCSF program, please contact us by e-mail (ccsf@colonial.net). We will respond promptly.

Al Powers, Treasurer
CCSF



CONCORD-CARLISLE PARENT INITIATIVE (CCPI)

JOIN A PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP AND DEVELOP BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR TEEN!

CCPI is again sponsoring parent groups to use Sue Blaney's workbook, "PLEASE STOP THE ROLLERCOASTER!" They are self-facilitating groups of parents with similarly aged children that discuss and work through each of the book's eight chapters over the course of eight to ten meetings. These groups give parents the opportunity to: connect to other parents, gain insight into your child's changing world, learn about adolescent development, exchange views and experiences, and help raise your teen's and your own self-esteem. Mothers, fathers and couples are encouraged to attend. Groups may meet during the day or at night. Books are available for purchase from the Concord Book Store or the Center for Parents and Teachers, and can be borrowed from the Concord Free Public Library.

**FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO FORM OR JOIN A GROUP, PLEASE CONTACT:
LESLIE KOPPEL GARDNER, 978-371-7235, e-mail: [HYPERLINK "mailto:lkoppel@att.net"lkoppel@att.net](mailto:lkoppel@att.net)**

CD PLAYERS/RADIOS/CELLULAR PHONES/BEEPERS

Personal audio and communications devices such as CD Players, Walkman Radios, Cellular Phones and Beepers may not be used in any way that is disruptive to the educational environment. These devices should not be used in classes, study halls, detention, or in any other area that may disturb a class.

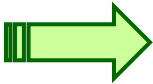
Radios, CD players, beepers or cellular phones which are deemed by a teacher or administrator to be disruptive of the educational environment may be confiscated and held until the end of the school day. The confiscated audio or personal communication device may be retrieved at the end of the school day from the Assistant Principals office. In some instances the confiscated device(s) will be returned to the parent/guardian only.

Failure to surrender the device to a faculty member or administrator when asked will result in a one day suspension from school.



CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Care of books, lockers, uniforms, locks, and other equipment that may be loaned for student use is the responsibility of the student. Loss or damage to loaned property will require restitution from the student. Damage to school buildings or grounds will also require restitution. In cases of loss, damage, or vandalism, parents/students will receive bills for replacement and repairs.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH.

Each year, after the first quarter report cards have been distributed, the high school provides an opportunity for parents to meet with their son/daughter's teachers and guidance counselor to discuss student progress. This year, our **Parent-Teacher Conference Day** will be held on **Thursday, December 6th, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.** Ten-minute modules have been scheduled for conferences with teachers and counselors. A mailing with all of the information needed to set up appointments was sent to all CCHS parents on October 12th. Completed appointment forms are mailed back to parents/guardians within three (3) days. Contact Mrs. Coleman x7101 if you have any questions about conference day.



TELEPHONE REMINDER:

When calling CCHS, please use **978-341-2490** and the **4 digit extension number** for the person you wish to reach. A staff directory was included in the October Newsletter for your convenience.

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE CHECKING / THINKING ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:

- + All Students: Community Service Hours
- + All Students: Materials not returned – books, calculators, etc.
- + All Students: Be sure to keep your lockers locked and please don't keep money in lockers. Money can be left in the office and picked at the end of the day.

ALL SENIORS SHOULD BE CHECKING / THINKING ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:

- + Seniors: College Application Deadlines
- + Seniors: Cap and Gown Payment
- + Seniors: Concord-Carlisle Scholarship Application



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS– PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The parking in front of the school including around the islands and at times on the islands themselves, has become a safety issue. The Concord Police Department and Concord Fire Department ask that motorists obey and respect the **No Parking signs that are posted.** Should an emergency occur, it is important that emergency vehicles have access and not be impeded by illegally parked vehicles. The fine for parking in a No Parking zone is \$15.00. **Please do not park your car in the circle in front of the school if you are going to the Beede Center. Please use the Beede Center parking lot.**



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.**



SCHOOL CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

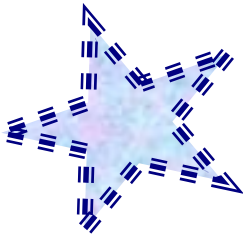
In the event of school cancellation or delayed openings, announcements will be made on radio stations WBZ and WHDH and on television channels 4, 5, and 7. In the case of a delayed opening, school will begin at 8:35 a.m. instead of 7:35 a.m. Buses will arrive at bus stops one hour later than usual in the morning. Classes will end at the regular time, 2:05 p.m.



**Quarter I Ends
on November 9th.**

**CCHS Website
www.colonial.net**

Early Dismissal
Students will be dismissed at
**11:00 a.m. on Wednesday,
November 21st for the
Thanksgiving Recess.**



ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE TAKING CARE OF ANY ATTENDANCE ISSUES AS THEY OCCUR. DON'T WAIT.



QUARTER 1 REPORT CARD

First quarter report cards will be distributed to students in homeroom on **Friday, November 30, 2007**. Since we do not mail report cards, parents should ask to see their son/daughter's report cards when they return from school that Friday. In addition to providing information about grades for the first marking period, report cards also provide attendance information and indicate if there is a credit reduction problem due to unexcused absences. Please review report cards carefully, and if you have any questions, call the teacher of the course about which you have questions or call your son/daughter's guidance counselor.



THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL GAME – BEDFORD AT CCHS!



The Concord-Carlisle High School Varsity Football Team will have their last game of the season on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, **NOVEMBER 22ND, 10:00 A.M. AT HOME.** Thanksgiving Day Football tickets will be on sale beginning Monday November 19. **PRE-GAME TICKETS \$5.00. TICKETS AT THE GATE \$7.00** (season passes are not valid for the game). **GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY**



CCHS STUDENT SENATE AND CLASS GOVERNMENT OFFICERS – 2007-2008



SENATE

Moderator: *Alina Meltaus*
Moderator-Elect: *Blair Robinson*
Secretary: *Mary Delsener*
Advisor: *Brian Miller*

<i>Caroline Cronin</i>	2008	<i>Madeline Bilodeau</i>	2009	<i>Meredith Lorch</i>	2010
<i>Sam Eisenstat</i>	2008	<i>Katrina Ellis-Ferrara</i>	2009	<i>Nitya Rajgopal</i>	2010
<i>Tony Meyer</i>	2008	<i>Joe Feeney</i>	2009	<i>Will Banfield</i>	2011
<i>Maria Paleologos</i>	2008	<i>Camilla Vogt</i>	2009	<i>Maddie Mahoney</i>	2011
<i>Jessica Stern</i>	2008	<i>Lara Gechijian</i>	2010	<i>Maisie Powell</i>	2011
<i>Sebastian Rogers</i>	2008	<i>Elise Goodhue</i>	2010	<i>Patrick Rodgers</i>	2011
<i>Samantha Adams</i>	2009	<i>Celeste Hall</i>	2010	<i>Tommy Veitch</i>	2011
<i>Alexandra Anastos</i>	2009	<i>C.J. Horvath</i>	2010	<i>Margaret Waterman</i>	2011

Student Advisory Council – *Ryan Miller (2008), Chiuba Obele (2009)*

School Committee – *Ian Carr (2008), Marree Budris (2010)*

School Advisory Council – *Peter Valhouli-Farb (2008), Katrina Goulden (2008)*



CLASS OF 2008

President: *Maddy Tillotson*
Vice-President: *Mike Mandrioli*
Secretary: *Lucy Fyler*
Treasurer: *Charlotte Erlich*
Advisors: *Lauren Giunta, Dan McGrath*

CLASS OF 2010

President: *Joey Paleologos*
Vice-President: *Jacqueline Winter*
Secretary: *Alexandra Earle*
Treasurer: *Kaytee Curran*
Advisors: *Jill Curry, Erin Davis*

CLASS OF 2009

President: *David Shoup*
Vice-President: *Samantha Dweck*
Secretary: *Olivia Arnow*
Treasurer: *Kimberly Swain*
Advisors: *Brian Miller, Ray Pavlik*

CLASS OF 2011

President: *Alexandra Ting*
Vice-President: *Will Moss*
Secretary: *Jamie Potter*
Treasurer: *Grace Nix*
Advisors: *Kevin Pennucci, Ellie Schmidt*



ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL FOR AT LEAST ONE DAY

Parents should call the main office between 7:30 and 7:40 a.m. to explain the absence. Please state the student's name, class year, reason for and date of absence. If there is no call, the attendance secretary will attempt to call later in the day to verify the absence. A student must bring a note to the office on the day of return to school unless his/her parent's call was processed by the attendance secretary. Notes must contain the student's full name, class year, date of and reason for absence, and signature of a parent/guardian. Students 18 years or older may sign their notes provided they have demonstrated a consistent pattern of responsible behavior and good attendance and provided there is a note on file from parents indicating that they are aware that the student will be writing his/her notes. For extended illness (two weeks or more) contact the student's guidance counselor to discuss specific needs for homework, home instruction, transportation, re-entry, etc.

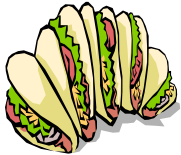
LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL – ABSENCE FOR LESS THAN ONE DAY

A student is late to school if he/she arrives after 7:35 a.m. In this instance, he/she should report first to the main office. If a parent has not already called to notify the school of the tardiness, the student will be expected to present a note, signed by a parent, which includes the student's full name, class year, and reason for tardiness. (Students 18 years or older may sign their notes provided they have demonstrated a consistent pattern of responsible behavior and good attendance and provided there is a note on file from parents indicating they are aware that the student will be writing his/her notes.) The reasons for which the school will excuse tardiness are the same as those for which the school will excuse absence. Failure to follow this procedure may result in unexcused absence and/or credit reduction.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

1. Fall Choral Concert
2. '10 Sophomore Activity
Football/ Pep Band
ATTENDANCE / HOMEROOM
3. **UNPLUGGED – SPONSORED BY '08**
4. Free
5. Town Meeting
Principal Coffee – 8:30 a.m. – Room A-7
6. MCAS Retest – English
Bands Concert
7. MCAS Retest – English
PA Meeting
Town Meeting
8. MCAS Retest – English
Town Meeting
9. '10 Tailgate
Football/ Pep Band
QUARTER 1 ENDS
10. '11 TBA
11. Free
12. **VETERANS DAY – NO SCHOOL**
13. Newsletter Deadline 14. SAC Meeting
MCAS Retest – Math
15. MCAS Retest – Math
16. **ATTENDANCE / HOMEROOM**
SPIRIT WEEK DANCE – SPONSORED BY SENATE 16
17. **Conference Appointments Round #1 Ends**
SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING LUNCH – SPONSORED BY '09
MMEA
18. Free
19. Cheer Fundraiser Begins
Conference Appointments Round #2 Begins
Attendance Review Board Meeting
20. **POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL – SPONSORED BY SENATE**
21. Attendance Reports Due
CCHS DISMISSAL @ 11:00 A.M.
22. **THANKSGIVING DAY – NO SCHOOL**
CCHS FOOTBALL @ 10:00 A.M. – CCHS
FOOTBALL FIELD
23. No School
24. Free
25. Free
26. Free
27. Free
28. Free
29. Free
30. Mini Musical Performance
REPORT CARDS ISSUED
Conference Appointments Round #2 Ends at 2:00 p.m



Una Noche Latina

*Thursday, November 29, 2007
6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at CCHS in the cafeteria*

There will be Latin foods, Salsa dancing and lessons and more!

*Tickets will be on sale beginning the week of November 5th
during lunches, or in the Foreign Language or METCO offices after school.*

Tickets: \$10.00 (\$5.00 for children 10 years and under)

All are Invited!





Class 2008 

Seniors: The deadline for the first order for cap and gowns has passed. The next order will be placed on November 30th. Cost is now \$30.00. Please make check payable to CCHS and deliver to Mrs. Coleman ASAP.



Senior year is off to a great start. Please plan to stop by the CCHS **UNPLUGGED COFFEE HOUSE** at the High School on **Saturday, November 3**. Parents and students are welcomed to enjoy some of the talent performing in the cafeteria that evening.



The **Class of 2008** is planning a **WREATH SALE** for the day of teacher/parent conferences on **December 6**. **Janet Gilles and Kathy DeMarco** are coordinating for parents.

Enjoy the start of the holidays.

COLLEGE DEADLINES (Questions – please see Mrs. Tessari)

If you have a college deadline for the following date the “Student Record Consent Forms” must be passed in to Mrs. Tessari, Registrar at least **15 school days** before the actual college deadline.

<u>College Deadline</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
December 1, 2007	November 7, 2007
December 15, 2007	November 21, 2007
January 1, 2008	November 30, 2007
January 15, 2008	December 14, 2007
February 1, 2008	January 9, 2008

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.** Students may pick up a permission form in the main office to fill out and get signatures. 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.**

GROOMING AND DRESS 

While there is not a formal dress code at CCHS, there are certain expectations regarding grooming and dress. All students are expected to attend school dressed in a manner which is clean, within reasonable bounds of modesty, not hazardous to their health and safety, and not disruptive to the educational process. The state law of Massachusetts requires that shoes or sandals be worn in all public buildings. As a matter of precaution, legally required safety items such as aprons, goggles, or face coverings must be worn by students participating in activities that require such items. In addition, all students must follow safety regulations, which require securing hair or loose clothing against hazards of fire or entanglement in equipment. Students will be informed by their teachers of any safety measures which pertain to their particular class or activity. Clothing that may be disruptive to the educational process includes clothing upon which any of the following is displayed: obscenities, advertising or promotion of alcohol or illegal drugs, words or symbols that will predictably upset or incite others, or words or symbols which defame the beliefs or heritage of others.

BICYCLES 

Some students ride bicycles to school. A bicycle rack is available next to the cafeteria. Students are urged to **LOCK** their bicycles when parked. It is strongly recommended that all students bicycling to and from school wear bicycle helmets at all times.



Class 2009

Greetings Junior Parents,

A special thank you to the parents who spearheaded our very successful late September and October events –

- **PATTIE DRISCOLL AND MAUREEN TARCA** – ORGANIZERS OF THE FOOTBALL TAILGATE PARTY
- **LAURIE CADIGAN** – HOST OF THE MOM'S NIGHT OUT
- **KAREN AND DAVID VERRILL** – ORGANIZERS OF THE SOCCER TAILGATE PARTY

And thanks also to the many parents who pitched in behind the scenes to make the events go smoothly (you know who you are!). Although rain was predicted for the evening of the football tailgate, at the last minute the weather gods granted us a clear, mild evening and students and parents alike enjoyed the food and camaraderie. Several nights later, the Moms of the class enjoyed the opportunity to relax at **LAURIE CADIGAN'S** lovely home and to partake in delicious foods and laughs as we caught up with each other. Lots of good memories in the making! As this newsletter article is being written, the soccer tailgate is coming up and the forecast is for rain. Even if the weather is damp, spirits are not! Many thanks to **KAREN & DAVE VERRILL** for overseeing this event (and for moving us into the cafeteria if need be).

It was also great to see the strong turnout for the Class of 2009 guidance night in early October. This was the first of several opportunities to learn about the college process that many students and parents will be considering in the spring and next year.

The juniors had their first dance of the year – a junior-senior Halloween dance, complete with tasteful costumes. Thanks to the student leaders of the class who worked hard to make this a safe and successful event. Thanks also to the many parents who readily volunteered to chaperone and provide snacks. We couldn't do it without you!

Please make sure that you have the following dates noted in your planners. More information will be coming out via the class email list.



- **November 17 – Traditional Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Day Luncheon, hosted by Junior Class**
- **December 4 – Food Drive**



- **December 6 – Conference Day and sale of CCHS clothing and Amaryllis bulbs (class fund raisers)**
- **March 23 – Parent evening social. Would someone like to offer their home? Possibly in Carlisle.**
- **May 16 – Junior Prom & parent social after kids leave for the prom. Would someone offer their home? Preferably in Concord.**
- **June 7 – Graduation reception (“Thanks!” to organizers Ellen Quackenbush & Kathleen Sills)**

In this month of giving thanks, we wish to express our appreciation to all the parents whose incredible support make our jobs as Parent Reps easy and is clearly visible in the great kids in the class.

We wish you a good month ahead and a happy Thanksgiving holiday,

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

Driver Education

Students must **check in** with the main office **before** they leave the building and **check back** into the main office with their **card signed** by their driving instructor in order for an absence from study hall to be excused. **No classes or MCAS test sessions can be missed for driving lessons or observations.**

Class 2010

Here comes November! As we head towards the third month of school and the days shorten, the sophomore class is busy and thriving. Thank you to all the parents who have stepped forward to help with various 2010 Class events. We still have some holes, so if you are able to help with an event it would be great to have coverage in place while it's still early in the school year. Thank you for your support and please contact **PARENT REP MARY HORVATH**, who does a phenomenal job of tracking myriad emails and keeping a list of all our volunteers - mary@horvaths.org .

[HERE ARE SOME UPCOMING SOPHOMORE CLASS EVENTS:](#)



FRI, NOVEMBER 2ND. CLASS 2010 MOVIE NIGHT. One or two movies will be featured with 7pm show times. Students (sophomores only) should arrive by 6:30-6:45pm. We are looking for a couple of additional chaperones to join Jill Curry, Erin Davis, Simone Taylor & Suzie Weaver. We also need parents to supply popcorn & water.



FRI, NOVEMBER 9TH. CLASS 2010 TAILGATE PARTY. Anyone willing to help please contact co-leaders Sue Bumpus suebumpus@comcast.net and Janice Battle beyondgarden@aol.com.



TUES, NOVEMBER 13TH. INFO SESSION FOR PARENTS OF NEW OR SOON-TO-BE DRIVERS, 7:30pm, CCHS library. Nancy James, a Concord Insurance Agent, together with Det. Scott Camilleri will host this information session. Discussion of driving responsibilities and issues with the aim of keeping our young drivers safe.

In early December, there will be some 2010 Fundraiser sales. In particular, during the first week of December students will sell t-shirts, flip-flops & blankets during the day at school and on Dec 6th Parent/Teacher Conference Day.

ListServe Update: Another recent activity was each Class Moderator analyzing their respective ListServe to determine subscription rates. Class of 2010 was found to be at 75% subscription and with your help we are now around 80%. However, that still means one in five sophomore families is not receiving communications about activities applicable to them. Please continue to spread the word to anyone who is unsubscribed, as inclusion and participation benefit everyone in the Class. Signup is at <http://www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo> , then click "Class2010" and enter your name, your student's ID number (found on their class schedule) and your email address. For anyone who recently signed up who would like to see any emails they missed, you may visit the "Archives" from this same link.

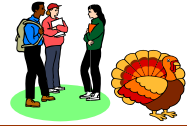
STUDENT DRIVING

All students are encouraged to use school transportation if at all possible. Driving and limited parking on school grounds are privileges extended to responsible students, who demonstrate that they can follow the few driving regulations that have been established for everyone who drives to school. A parking fee is charged to students who drive their vehicles to school.

SCHOOL BUSES

School bus transportation is provided for all high school students who live farther than two miles from the school. Except for emergency situations, buses arrive at CCHS at approximately 7:20 a.m. The afternoon buses depart from the high school at 2:10 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. All school rules and regulations apply to students from the time they board the bus until they depart the bus.

A fee is charged to ride the 5:15 p.m. bus. Students may purchase an annual late bus pass for \$50 or daily passes for \$1 each in the main office during the school day.



Class 2011

October was a busy month for the Class of 2011. Many students enjoyed the first dance sponsored by the Class of 2010. The students also elected new class officers and senate representatives. Congratulations to all who ran as well as those who won!

CLASS OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:
ALEXANDRA TING

VICE PRESIDENT:
WILL MOSS

SECRETARY:
JAMIE POTTER

TREASURER:
GRACE NIX

SENATE REPRESENTATIVES: WILL BANFIELD, MADDIE MAHONEY, MAISIE POWELL, PATRICK ROGERS AND TOMMY VEITCH.

The class officers will be working with our faculty advisors, **ELEANOR SCHMIDT AND KEVIN PENNUCCI**, to plan social events and fundraisers. Look for more details in future newsletters and emails.

Our class is very fortunate to have enthusiastic parents who have organized a few activities to engage the students and families. Thank you to our behind the scenes supporters/organizers:

Tailgate Party (was 10/12): **Diane George and Barbara Yee** - Class of 2011 Parent Par-tay on October 27th: **Emily Bliss, Kristine Boyle, Trisha Lamb, Jill Robitaille, Nancy Ryan, Diana Shoemaker, Bonnie Steinroeder, Carrie Taylor**, and a special thanks to **Jane Whitman** for securing the Rod and Gun Club and spearheading the event!

UPCOMING DATES IN NOVEMBER – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



MOVIE NIGHT FOR THE CLASS OF 2011!

When: November 11th
(Remember: no school on Monday for Veteran’s Day)

Where: Lower Gym

Time: 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.
First movie will start at 5:30. Kids have to stay through the first movie and then can leave. Those who stay for the second have to stay until the end and be picked up by an adult.

Cost: \$4.00

We need a group of parents to assist with the movie night to chaperone and bring snacks for the kids. If you can do either of these, please reply to this email or email Lynn Randall at lrandall@winsor.edu.



PARENT COFFEE!

When: November 15th

Where: Daniel and Nancy Ryan’s home
144 Partridge Lane (located off Route 62 toward Bedford in Concord)
978/371-7120

Time: 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

We are looking for parents who have ideas for parent socials and fundraisers for the class. If you are interested in organizing either of these, please contact **Jill Robitaille** at jb.robitaille@verizon.net. We would love to hear from you!

Reminder: If you know any families who are not receiving emails because they have not yet signed on to the list serve, please encourage to them to sign on to the 2011 email list at <http://www.lists.ptg-concord.org/mailman/listinfo/cchs-2011>.

Have a great November and Happy Thanksgiving!

Parent Reps for Class of 2011:

Emily Bliss, Kristine Boyle, Nancy Fell, Johanna Hunter, Trisha Lamb, Lynn Randall (email moderator)
Jill Robitaille, Nancy Ryan, Diana Shoemaker, Bonnie Steinroeder, Carrie Taylor, Jane Whitman

Concord Carlisle Parents Initiative (CCPI)

Dear Parents,

This is the first, in a series of articles, regarding this year's **Concord Carlisle Parents Initiative (CCPI) program on Teen Driving Safety**.

With the recent changes in Massachusetts state law regarding teen drivers and in consideration of the fact that nearly 6,000 teens die every year in driving accidents we will be providing you and your students with information regarding the risks of driving and what you, as parents, can do to keep your teens safe on the road.

November 5-11 is Drowsy Driving Prevention Week. Drowsy driving (meaning driving after having had too little sleep), is the cause of over 100,000 crashes each year with 1500 deaths. Fifty percent of those involved are teenagers.

Attached you will find a **sample of a driving contract** that will help you discuss safety issues with your teenage driver.

Mark your calendars now for **January 10, 2008** when CCPI will present a panel discussion on teen driving!

Stay tuned for our monthly articles.

PARENT — TEEN SAFE DRIVING CONTRACT

I/We..... (parents/guardians) I.....(teen driver) understand that being allowed to drive a car is a privilege and comes with certain restrictions. We also understand that operating a car can be dangerous, and potentially lethal, to the driver, passengers, and others using the road. This contract states certain restrictions, rules, and responsibilities for teen drivers, as well as their parents. They are intended to help the teen driver stay safe on the road.

Initial all that apply	<i>PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES</i>
	1. I will listen in a respectful manner to explanations or concerns expressed by my teen driver regarding the operation of a vehicle or the terms of the contract.
	2. I will provide respectful feedback when accompanying my teen driver in a motor vehicle.
	3. I will serve as a good role model when operating a vehicle and coach good driving skills and habits to my teen driver.
	4. I will do my best in teaching my teen driver how to safely operate a motor vehicle

Initial all that apply	TEEN DRIVER'S RESPONSIBILITIES
	1. I will not let anyone else drive or use the vehicle entrusted to me.
	2. I will obey all driving laws and will drive safely so I will not endanger my life or the lives of others. a) Obey speed limits b) Not take teen passengers until the law allows me to do so .
	3. Everyone in the vehicle will wear a safety belt at all times.
	4. I will state my destination and time of return prior to using any vehicle, and I will notify my parents if I think I will be more than 30 minutes late.
	5. I will not consume alcohol or drugs or operate any vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
	6. I will not use any cell phone for calls or messages while driving.
	7. I will not listen to loud music, use my mp3 player, or change radio channels while driving.

CONSEQUENCES IN CASE OF VIOLATIONS OF THE ABOVE CONTRACT

- If I: I will lose driving privileges, i.e.....days.
- a) use the cell phone
 - b) take passenger when not allowed
 - c)violate speed limits
 - d) don't wear a seat belt
 - e) DUI
 - f) have an accident (own fault)

DRIVING PRIVILEGES

This portion of the contract may be used to outline any additional conditions or limits on the use of the vehicle as agreed to by teens and parents (i.e., number of passengers, use of cell phone):

OPERATOR IMPAIRMENT AS A RESULT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

A. Teen Driver’s Responsibility. I will not get into the vehicle of a driver who has been drinking or using drugs. I will seek alternate transportation or I will call you for advice and/or transportation at any hour from any place. I have discussed with you and fully understand your feelings regarding underage drinking and the use of illegal drugs. _____ (Initials)

B. Parent’s or Guardian’s Responsibility. I (We) agree to come and get you at any hour from any place, with no questions asked and no argument at that time, or I (we) will arrange transportation to bring you home safely. I (We) expect that a discussion of such an incident would follow at a later time. _____ (Initials)

Likewise, I (we) as your parent or guardian, agree to seek safe, sober transportation. I (We) will not drive if I (we) have been drinking, nor will I (we) ride with a relative or friend who has been drinking.
 _____ (Initials) _____ (Initials)

COSTS AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLE

I will be responsible for the following: (indicate dollar amount or percentage of cost)

Name of Teen Driver			
Cost of Vehicle	Cost of Fuel	Damage to Vehicle	Insurance Costs
Vehicle Registration	Maintenance Costs	Fines and Penalties	Other
Check all that apply:			
Check oil and other fluids regularly	Report unusual performance	Inspect tires and check air pressure	Keep interior and exterior clean
Clear or clean all windows	Refuel when tank is less than ¼ full	Perform normal maintenance	Other

Additional conditions or responsibilities as agreed to by teen and parents/guardians:

We agree to the terms of this contract, which may be revisited or revised at a later time.

Signature of Parent or Guardian	Signature of Parent or Guardian
Signature of Teen Driver	Date

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THE CONCORD SPED PAC



The Concord Special Education Parents Advisory Committee is a positive and solution oriented committee that has over 200 members. As a state mandated, system wide volunteer organization, we serve as a resource and advisor to parents of children with disabilities or that need special education services from preschool to high school. We work closely with the Concord Public School and Concord-Carlisle Regional School District administration to identify areas of needs and act in an advisory role to the respective School Committees regarding parents' collective issues.

We can help you become an effective advocate for your child.

We offer a broad range of information, contacts, networking opportunities and presentations by specialists. SPED PAC members share information

(books, tutors, evaluators, etc.) they have found useful in guiding their children's education. We will help you connect with other parents and professionals dealing with similar issues.

You don't have to do this alone.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

Visit our website: www.concordspedpac.org and view our Calendar for more information on this year's educational presentations and meetings or watch for our announcements in your school newsletters.

See our who's who page to find contact information for our board members.

The Concord SPED PAC serves all Concord schools, from preschool through high school. Our membership is open to parents or guardians of children with disabilities and anyone interested in special education in Concord.

BECOME A MEMBER

It is easy and free. Visit our website and subscribe to our SPED PAC email list. Just click on the purple Yahoo button. Join our discussions and receive the latest announcements about research on educational issues, information on local disability conferences, and current state and federal laws information.

The Concord SPED PAC
c/o Maria Tinglof
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Concord, MA 01742

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL YOUR SCHOOL LIAISON:

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WILLARD: Kim Blake at 978-287-4120, yoyoandmimi@earthlink.net

PEABODY: Melody Orfei at 978-371-2182, o.mel@verizon.net, or Karen Venti at 978-369-1244, kventi@verizon.net

SANBORN: Contact us if you are interested in filling this opening

CONCORD CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL (CCHS): Liz Hopkinson, at 978-287-5236, lhopkinson@verizon.net

MINUTEMAN TECH HIGH SCHOOL: Contact us if you are are interested in filling this opening

OUT-OF-DISTRICT Bonnie Polakoff 978-371-2455 bonnieboop@comcast.net

MENTAL HEALTH / DIFFERENCES, Carole Fiorentino at 978-369-2621 evenings, CWFhere@comcast.net

Don't see your school listed? Contact one of our officers: President: Dawna Carrette 978-371-2218 dawnapro@aol.com ,

Secretary: Maria Tinglof 978-369-4206 emty0@yahoo.com



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Common Application

The Common Application has been available to students for many years, but in the past few years the number of colleges that encourage students to use this application has grown to over 250. The student may either do the form on line or download it. To obtain more information, go to www.commonapp.org.

For many years, some students were reluctant to use the Common Application for fear that it would put them at a disadvantage compared with students who use the college specific form. Colleges assure us this is not the case, and independent surveys of acceptances over a ten-year period confirm this. We encourage students to use the Common Application. By devoting maximum effort to one application rather than spending many hours filling in similar information on many forms, students can focus on one application and devote more time to senior year coursework.

PSAT/NMSQT TEST SCORES

The Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) is a practice test for the SAT I, measuring critical reading, math, and writing skills. Most students take the PSAT in the fall of their junior year as preparation for taking the SAT I in the spring of that same school year. Scores on the PSAT are typically not reported to colleges and universities.

In mid-December every student who took the PSAT/NMSQT will receive the score report PLUS itemized feedback on test questions, and also an “Improve Your Skills” section. For each section, CR, Math, and Writing, the student will receive personalized skills feedback based on their performance as well as suggestions for improvement.

Attention Juniors

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

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

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
January 26, 2008	SAT/SAT II	December 26, 2007
March 1, 2008	SAT Only	January 29, 2008
May 3, 2008	SAT/SAT II	April 1, 2008
June 7, 2008	SAT/SAT II	May 6, 2008

The ACT vs. The SAT

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

Information detailing the differences between the ACT and the SAT is available in the Guidance Office. A conversion chart, which facilitates comparison of SAT and ACT scores, is also available. Because SAT and ACT test dates never conflict, it is

possible to take both exams, although there are fewer ACT test centers. For those juniors who wish to take the ACT tests, the testing dates and application deadlines are February 9, 2008 (January 4, 2008), April 12 (March 7, 2007), and June 14, 2008 (May 9, 2008).

TRANSCRIPT PACKAGE TIMELINE

Seniors who wish to have transcript materials sent to colleges should submit a **STUDENT RECORDS CONSENT FORM** to Mrs. Tessari in the CCHS Records Office at least 15 working days before the college deadline. For colleges with a December 31 or a January 1 deadline, the Record Consent Form should be in by Wednesday, November 7.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, December 5 from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m (Back-Up date December 12) the Counseling Department will offer a Financial Aid Workshop in the CCHS Auditorium. Topics will include: an overview of the financial aid process and methodology, tips on completing forms, how information is handled at the college's financial aid office and alternative sources for funding a college education. While this workshop is targeted to parents of juniors and seniors, all parents are welcome.

CHANGE IN FINANCIAL AID (FAFSA)

For 2008-2009 paper FAFSAs will not be available. Students will be able to obtain a paper FAFSA by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or by visiting www.edpubs.org. Students may request up to three copies of the paper application and should receive their FAFSAs in three to seven business days.

New for 2008-2009 is a PDF version of the FAFSAs that students can submit for processing. Beginning in mid-November the PDF will be available for download on various Federal Student Aid Web sites, such as www.FederalStudentaid.ed.gov. Students can access the PDF, complete the form on the computer or by hand, and mail it to the address provided for processing. Schools will also be able to access the PDF from www.FSAPubs.org.

STANLEY Z. KOPLIK CERTIFICATE OF MASTERY AWARD

Seniors, who received an Advanced score on the English Language Arts or Math section of the MCAS and an Advanced or Proficient score on the other section, are eligible to apply for the Certificate of Mastery between December 15, 2007 and May 16, 2008. Recipients will be recognized by the Mass. Dept. of Education for their academic achievement with a tuition waiver to Mass public colleges and universities. Eligible seniors should see Mrs. McDonald in the Office Modular for an application.

SOPHOMORE GROUPS

Sophomore groups will begin on November 26 and end December 7. Sophomores will receive an appointment letter in the mail the week of November 12. Students will meet in small groups with counselors to register for Naviance, a web-based career and college selection program. The focus of this group will be on career exploration. Students will be invited to take an interest inventory.

