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PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS & INFORMATION



Dear CCHS Parents,

Every year in June, I look back and wonder, "Where did (*fill in the blank*) grade go?" Now, I marvel at how 13 years have passed, and my family's time with the Concord-Carlisle public schools is within days of drawing to a conclusion. All of our expectations when we moved to Concord more than 20 years ago – before our son was even born – have been met or exceeded: a beautiful and historic town, a vibrant and interesting community, and outstanding public schools. But it's the people of Concord – those who live here, attend school here, work here, teach here – who really set it apart. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to meet, work with, and become friends with so many of you.

I hope you all took a few minutes to look at the newsletter from the PA's **Grants Committee** that was published in early May. Once again, we were able to fund a wide range of interesting and innovative projects sponsored by faculty and staff, thanks to your contributions to our **Annual Appeal**. Thanks again to all who gave.

On May 20th, the CCHS Parents Association had its final meeting of the year. First, we held our **Annual Business Meeting** where we conducted the PA's formal business. We elected our officers for the 2008-2009 school year, and I am pleased to announce and congratulate them:

President: Linda Miller
Vice Presidents: Sue Myers
Meena Rajgopal
Kate McCandless Tomkinson
Secretary: Pam Gechjian
Treasurer: Bernadette Desrosiers LeBlanc

I also want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude to Sue, Meena, Pam, and Bernadette, who served as officers this year with me. They, along with all the dedicated committee chairs and members, as well as countless other parent volunteers, contributed so much to the school community and our children this year, and made my term as President both easy and gratifying.

At our Annual Meeting, we also approved updated By-Laws for the PA, as well as our budget for the 2008-2009 year. Included in the budget was a special one-time allocation of funds to help continue to support the important new initiative of **Challenge Day** and the "**Be the Change**" program. We were fortunate to also have the featured program for our May 20th meeting be lead by CCHS science teacher **Brian Miller** and the six students on this year's **Be the Change Team**. They did a great job helping the 60+ parents in attendance understand and appreciate what this program is providing for our children and our school community.

Within days, our seniors will be graduating, with all the accompanying senior-week activities, including **All Night Live**. If you have any questions or still want to volunteer, contact allnightlive@comcast.net. The next few weeks will also be filled with all the normal and exciting end-of-year performances, sports events, banquets, and award ceremonies for the rest of our students. I hope you and your families enjoy them all.

Finally, I want to alert you to some of the PA paperwork that continuing families will receive over the summer. In an effort to streamline, simplify, and improve some of our enrollment and sign-up processes, our plan is to provide you (hopefully in the back-to-school packets) a pre-printed information form (one for each student), containing your child's and family's information that we and the school have on record. You will only need to note any changes on the form for the information that will be included in our school directory, *Connections*. This will also be the same form for you to use to join the Parents Association for next year. Please watch for it over the summer.

I wish you and your families a happy and rewarding end to the school year and a summer that includes enjoyable times together. I hope to see many of you around town.

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

All Night Live Is Just One Week Away

ALL NIGHT LIVE, is an all-night, substance-free graduation party for seniors, with a 95% attendance rate. It is an elaborate production of fun-filled activities, gastronomic delights and decorations that transform CCHS to a wonderful, celebratory oasis for the graduates. **ALL NIGHT LIVE** is a 20-year tradition sponsored and chaperoned by Freshman, Sophomore and Junior parents.

Please consider joining your fellow CCHS undergraduate parents in chaperoning for one of the shifts below! Call a few friends, go out for dinner and then head on over to CCHS to see the seniors in their splendor. Coffee and snacks are provided for chaperones. Chaperones are still needed for:



SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH FROM 9:15 PM -1:15 AM
FIFTEEN (15) MORE CHAPERONES NEEDED



SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH FROM 1:00 AM -3:00 AM
ELEVEN (11) MORE CHAPERONES NEEDED



SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH FROM 1:00 AM -5:00 AM
ELEVEN (11) MORE CHAPERONES NEEDED

Interested in helping out?

Please contact All Night Live Volunteer Coordinator:

Devra Feshback-Meriney

telephone: 978-369-8949

email: <http://mailcenter3.comcast.net>
allnightlive@comcast.net

Important Information

A letter will be mailed home to all Students in August (*in your Back to School Packet*) who have not taken care their outstanding obligations for materials/books not returned or paid for. **Students who have outstanding obligations in September will not have Co-Curricular privileges, Parking or Open Campus until these obligations are taken care of.** Please return or pay for these items **NOW**

From the Desk of Peter Badalament

Well it is finally here – the end of the year! In many regards, it went by very quickly. I want to thank the parents, staff and students of CCHS for welcoming me back this year and for helping me make a smooth transition. I have truly enjoyed working with many of you over the past twelve months, and it goes without saying, but I couldn't have done it without the support of each of the key constituent groups.

I know I speak for the whole community when I say we will miss the Class of 2008. They are a wonderful group of students who have demonstrated tremendous leadership and outstanding work in both the curricular and co-curricular arenas. Thanks to the Guidance department I have some interesting data to share with you based on a survey that the seniors completed:

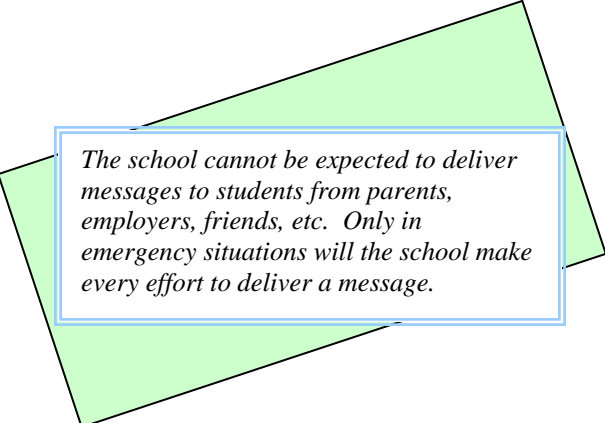
- 91% reported having a connection with at least one adult in the CCHS community
- We processed over 2,655 transcripts (mean sent per student=8.85)
- 63% of students applied Early Decision or Early Action / 61% of those students were accepted to at least one school
- 84% of our students were accepted at one of their top three choices

How did they do it all? Parental support - 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.

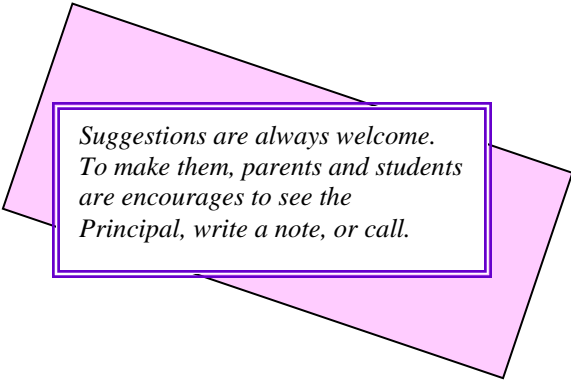
I know everyone appreciates the professional staff at CCHS. They are great and for good reason. The working conditions and some of the atmosphere created by the students and parents as mentioned above helps us attract a fabulous candidate pool from which to choose. Once here the professionalism and the 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 2700 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.

As many of you know, several teachers are retiring this year: Jere Mead, Isabelle Albeck, Harriet Stevens, Mary Leonhardt and Mary O'Connor. They have all dedicated many years of service to the students of CCHS. As Goethe once said, "Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being." They all did this over the course of their careers – they recognized the potential in a student and then realized what a precious gift it was. Ultimately, they sparked the fire that helped that young person truly become "a life long learner." Thousands of people are forever indebted to them for this.

I think you know CCHS is a great school in many ways. I suspect you know that CCHS can be better than it is. I look forward to continuing to work with all interested parties to continue the process of improvement. I hope you all have a restful and productive summer.



The school cannot be expected to deliver messages to students from parents, employers, friends, etc. Only in emergency situations will the school make every effort to deliver a message.



Suggestions are always welcome. To make them, parents and students are encouraged to see the Principal, write a note, or call.

CCHS Graduation-2008 Video

CCTV will videotape this year's graduation on June 7. 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 2008-2009

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION on Wednesday, September 3, 2008.

FRESHMEN AND UPPERCLASSMEN REPORT on Thursday, September 4, 2008 to begin classes.

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

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.

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.

VISITORS/GUESTS

Visitors are most welcome at the high school and we request that all appointments be made in advance. All visitors are asked to report first to the Main Office to register and a visitor's pass will be issued to them.

ALSO

Students: 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.**



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.

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.

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 THREE (3) PARENTS LISTED BELOW – CIRCLE 3 NAMES

STEPHANIE EISENSTAT

PHILIP PECK

JAY VOGT

SALLY QUINN REED

KAREN O'TOOLE

Please fill out the ballot and send it to -

Louisa Coleman
CCHS
500 Walden Street - Concord, MA 01742
or email
lc Coleman@colonial.net

Deadline for vote is June 20th.

WHAT IS YOUR STUDENT DOING THIS SUMMER?

The summer can be the ideal time to be involved in volunteer work. From incoming 8th graders to graduated seniors, the summer can be a time of minimal commitments to the rigors of life during the academic year, while the needs of the local agencies who depend on the help of volunteers continues.

If you are away for the summer, your student might also find volunteer opportunities wherever you are. Any community service activity as defined by the student handbook can be counted for community service credit. But it can also just be a fun and rewarding activity to make their summer more meaningful.

Check out the 2volunteer website

([<http://mail.colonial.net/~2volunteer/pages>] <http://mail.colonial.net/~2volunteer/pages>, or go directly to the CCHS website) for some possible activities.

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.

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.

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.

Help Wanted

- Students looking for **C**ommunity **S**ervice **H**ours during **J**uly and **A**ugust should see Mrs. Coleman in the main office. **Please be sure you are able to commit to a schedule.** Days and times are flexible.

EARLY DISMISSAL FROM SCHOOL - END OF YEAR

All students are expected to remain in school through the last day. There is no early dismissal. Parents and guardians are requested to do everything possible to avoid the need to remove a student from school before the regular school year has finished. Any questions may be directed to the Principal.

FAMILY VACATIONS AND END OF YEAR

Parents and students are reminded that Massachusetts Law requires compulsory attendance for students. We strongly discourage family vacations when school is in session. In addition to compromising the attendance law, family vacations interrupt the educational process of each course in ways that make-up work cannot reverse.

If family vacations are planned, a letter from the parent/guardian must be submitted to the principal at least 1 month before the vacation date. Please note that teachers are not required to make special provisions for students who miss school for family vacations.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

Students withdrawing from school must obtain a withdrawal form from the transcript office located in the main office. Mrs. Tessari (Registrar) and/or the student's guidance counselor will explain the procedures to be followed to return all materials and to obtain teacher's signatures of the withdrawal form.

Class of *Senior* 2009



at Anderson Imaging

Outdoor Session

Take it outside! This session is casual and taken in a local, scenic setting using natural light. The sitting includes head and shoulder shots as well as full body poses.

2 Contact Sheets / 30 Prints **\$75.00***

Combo Session In-Studio/Outdoors

Can't decide on which type of sitting you would like? Have your picture taken both indoors and out and choose your favorite for the year book.

2 Contact Sheets / 30 Prints **\$135.00***

Studio Session

Have your picture taken in our in-house studio for a more formal look.

1 Contact Sheets / 15 Prints **\$50.00***

A printed contact sheet is included with every session and can make a great addition to a scrapbook. Bring as many props or outfits as you like.

**All fees are due at the time of the sitting and include a year book scan. Retouching is an additional \$20.*

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One School, One Book

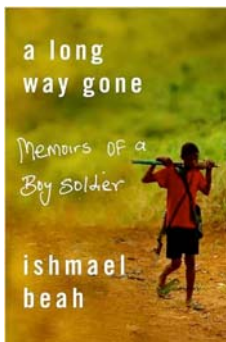
Could it happen to you? Under what circumstances might you find yourself on the frontline of a brutal civil war? Under what circumstances might you find yourself orphaned and fighting for your survival?

This summer the student, faculty and parent communities of Concord, Carlisle and Boston are invited to participate in an optional community reading event.

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier

Events, speakers and discussion groups will be planned throughout the 2008 – 2009 school year to more fully explore the issues presented in Ishmael’s story. Please join us in this literary event facilitated by Kate Richmond (CCHS English) and Robin Cicchetti (CCHS Librarian).

The book is available in paperback, and also through the public library system.



Review: School Library Journal (April 1, 2007)

This gripping story by a children's-rights advocate recounts his experiences as a boy growing up in Sierra Leone in the 1990s, during one of the most brutal and violent civil wars in recent history. Beah, a boy equally thrilled by causing mischief as by memorizing passages from Shakespeare and dance moves from hip-hop videos, was a typical precocious 12-year-old. But rebel forces destroyed his childhood innocence when they hit his village, driving him to leave his home and travel the arid deserts and jungles of Africa. After several months of struggle, he was recruited by the national army, made a full soldier and learned to shoot an AK-47, and hated everyone who came up against the rebels. The first two thirds of his memoir are frightening: how easy it is for a normal boy to transform into someone as addicted to killing as he is to the cocaine that the army makes readily available. But an abrupt change occurred a few years later when agents from the United Nations pulled him out of the army and placed him in a rehabilitation center. Anger and hate slowly faded away, and readers see the first glimmers of Beah's work as an advocate. Told in a conversational, accessible style, this powerful record of war ends as a beacon to all teens experiencing violence around them by showing them that there are other ways to survive than by adding to the chaos.-Matthew L. Moffett, Pohick Regional Library, Burke, VA Copyright 2007 Reed Business Information.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED.

June 23rd is a half day.

Schedule for Monday, June 23rd

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H Blocks will meet.

Classes begin at 7:35 a.m. and classes will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m.

Senior Class - 2008

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 \$35.00 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 2008 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 the last day of school. 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 - 2009

June is already upon us and this will be the last newsletter of the school year. Senior year, here we come! In the recent weeks, we have been busy with activities of May and early June.

The Junior Prom was a great evening. It was a treat to see our comely sons, daughters and their guests off to the prom, followed by the opportunity for parents to mingle and visit at the Thomsen's. **A special "Thank you!" to Peter and Laurie** for their hospitality.

A number of parents helped with prom decorations - their help added to the evening's festivity and was greatly appreciated: **Julie Anastos, Pat Bentley, Bev Castrichini, Francie Crowley, Carol Dalton, Shelley Dweck, Anne Marks, Roseanne Swain, Karen Verrill and Judy Zunbrecher.**

Also in May, the cookie dough fundraiser sale wrapped up. This was well received and we thank the parents who purchased the dough, as well as **Shelley Dweck**, who provided behind-the-scenes support to the students, and to **Parent Reps, Anne, Cathy and Claudia**, for helping with the distribution of the dough. Many thanks!

The June 7 graduation day reception is approaching quickly. **Co-chairs Ellen Quackenbush and Kathy Sills** with the assistance of **Patty Hecht** have plans well underway and many more parents are stepping up to assist. It's not too late to volunteer, and this is an enjoyable opportunity for being part of the festivities and seeing what graduation day holds. (Watch the email list for last-minute volunteer opportunities).

As the year winds up, it's worth reiterating what a great class 2009 is; students and parents alike. Throughout the year we try to "name names" of parents who have taken a leadership role in the class activities. Behind this visible group are the unsung heroes, the dozens of parents who quietly support the many requests for time, materials and effort. Thank you all!

Wishing everyone a safe and restful summer,
Claudia Feeney, Cathy Galligan, Anne Marks and Kathy Robey
Class of 2009 Parent Reps

Sophomore Class - 2010

Hark, the end of the year approaches! As always, it seems to fly up from nowhere. As we close this year, a big thank you is in order for all the people who have supported the Sophomore Class. "Many hands make light work" and as you can see from just the Junior Prom Reception helpers listed below, there is always a small army working behind the scenes. Multiply this one list by about ten to get the proper scope on all our class helpers. Your donations of both time and materials are so appreciated and please know that these events wouldn't happen without you! Whether you were involved in the Tailgate, Town Meeting Refreshments, Apparel & Blanket Sales, Exam Goodies, Dance Chaperoning, Sophomore Semi, Potluck Social, or Planner fundraiser, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. If you're already eager to sign up for next year, please consider getting involved in hosting or planning a Parent Social. Our students will soon be Juniors and these Socials are a great way to keep us parents united towards making their high school experience the best possible, not to mention giving us a chance to meet each other for some well deserved fun. Please contact Deb Verano debbiv1@mindspring.com or Peggy Burling [<mailto:burling.pburling@verizon.net>] burling.pburling@verizon.net or Cecile Sandwen [<mailto:c.sandwen@att.net>] c.sandwen@att.net if you even just want to put your name on their list of potential helpers for next year's Parent Socials.

- MAY EVENTS:

Junior Prom Reception, May 16th, 5:00-6:30pm

As of this writing, everything is in good shape for this Reception, hosted each year by the Parents of the Sophomore Class. Thank you especially to Mary Horvath for keeping our Parent Rep team organized with her incredible ability to attend to a million details. We are grateful to all who have donated their time and effort to making this Reception happen.

Thanks to Hillary O'Connor, Rich Mizia, Paula von Kleydorff, Maureen Costello, Molly Delehey, Margaret Guertin and Alan Budris for donating case after case of water.

Thanks to Marcia Schloss and Kathy Atwood for donating all the goodies: Twizzlers, mints, and a variety of other delectables. Thanks to Lisa Harris, Kathy Snook, Abha Singhal, Deedo Painter, Mary Horvath, Bernadette Desrosiers LeBlanc, Peggy Burling, Deb Verano, and Mariellen Perugini for helping to decorate, get plants, balloons, and the red carpet. Thanks to Lisa Harris, Kathi Snook, Cindy Warren, Greg White, Suellen Wheeler, Bernadette Desrosiers LeBlanc, Peggy Burling, Deb Verano, and Mary Horvath for cleaning up afterwards. Thanks to Kathy Klute, Angela Romijn, Kathy DeRoche, Simone Taylor, Brooks Stevens, Mary Horvath, and Deb Mizia for contributing fruit and their time to preparing kabobs. Thanks to the Concord Flower Shop for their generous donation of 24 helium balloons, and also to Mahoney's for letting us borrow their plants for the Reception.

Sophomore Semi *Moonlight Masquerade*, May 31st, 7:00 - 10:30pm

Our Co-Chairs Joyce Hogan, Madeleine Davies, and Gail Burmeister are now in the final stages of pulling off this wonderful evening. The planning for this event dates back to the fall and is quite extensive. Amongst other things, the planning included: researching police, fire, and janitor rules & regulations, multiple volunteer meetings at Joyce's home, designing and selling tickets, transforming the cafeteria and courtyard into a Mardi Gras scene, signing on both Band and DJ, and providing yummy light refreshments right down to punch from punchbowls! This is a big job and as soon as the event is over, we hope to properly acknowledge all of you who were in Joyce/Maddie/Gail's army! Just a final reminder, that all blue blazers look the same when your ride is at the door, so make sure your son's is labeled. This has been a particular problem in the past and we don't want to donate the lost and found items to charity!

- JUNE & BEYOND EVENTS:

Saturday, June 14th - Sophomore Trip to Six Flags. The Class of 2010 is holding a field trip to Six Flags on Saturday, June 14, 2008. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 and includes admission to the park as well as the bus.~ The buses will leave CCHS at 8:00 AM and arrive back to CCHS at approximately 6:30 PM.~ Students attending the trip are required to be at CCHS at 7:45AM to check-in and board the buses.~ Students are responsible for purchasing their own lunches. Each student must return a permission slip with a \$30.00 payment to the Class of 2010 mailbox in the front office no later than Wednesday, May 28, 2008.~ All checks can be made out to Class of 2010.~

Itinerary:

7:45 A.M.~~ Arrive at CCHS, check-in, and board buses	4:00 P.M.~~ Meet at Designated Spot for check-in
8:00 A.M.~~ Depart CCHS for 6 Flags	4:15 P.M.~~ Depart 6 Flags
10:00 A.M. Arrive at 6 Flags	6:30 P.M.~~ Arrive at CCHS
1:00 P.M.~~ Check-in with Chaperones and Students	

Back-to-School Parent Social - We already have host parents for a Fall Parents' Social: Michael and Trudy Schelzi, 30 Sarah Way, Concord. We are so grateful for their generosity. It would be great to have more parent socials, so please contact Deb Verano debbiv1@mindspring.com or Peggy Burling [<mailto:burling.pburling@verizon.net>] or Cecile Sandwen [<mailto:c.sandwen@att.net>] c.sandwen@att.net] burling.pburling@verizon.net if you are willing to help with or host an event. A mix of event types is great, so whatever you have in mind would be fine whether a Coffee, a BBQ, or a Wine Tasting!

Here is to the Class of 2010 !

Peggy Burling, Mary Horvath, Bernadette LeBlanc, Mariellen Perugini, Deb Verano

Freshmen Class - 2011

Can you believe that freshman year is almost over? As parent reps to the Class of 2011, we'd like to thank the many parents, too numerous to name individually, who contributed to all of our events throughout the year. And a special thank you to **Charity Tremblay** and **Jane Whitman** for hosting the most recent parent coffees.

We'd also like to thank **Kevin Pennucci and Eleanor Schmidt**, Faculty Advisors, for their work helping the students pull together and sponsor a number of class events that brought enjoyment to students, parents and community members. Finally, thank you to the **student officers and homeroom reps** for all of their hard work organizing class events and fundraisers.

We started off in the fall with a festive parent social at the Rod and Gun Club followed by 4 parent coffees (and a 5th one in the works), a tail gate party at one of the home football games, 2 fundraisers at the Gathering Kitchen, and selling snacks at the Summer Opportunities Fair. The Students also organized several social events and fundraisers: a movie night, Class of 2011 t-shirts, Valentine's Day carnation sales, a dance hosted with the Class of 2009, and a final trip to Six Flags in May. It has been a very busy year!

Thank you to all of this year's parent reps:

Jill Robitaille (Chair)
Nancy Ryan (Treasurer)
Trisha Lamb (Treasurer until January)
Emily Bliss (fundraising)
Johanna Hunter (fundraising)
Carrie Taylor (fundraising and social events)

Kristine Boyle (parent social events)
Jane Whitman (parent social events)
Nancy Fell (parent social events)
Diana Shoemaker (community service activities)
Lynn Randall (Moderator)
Karen Barton (new rep for 2008-2009)

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer. Please stay tuned to the email list for any additional news between now and the end of school. Plans are underway for student and parent activities for the 2008-2009 school year; we will keep you posted!

Important Information

Students who have any outstanding obligations not taken care of by the end of the school year, will receive a letter this summer. All students who have outstanding obligations **will not have co-curricular privileges, parking or open campus** until these obligations are taken care of. Please return or pay for these items **NOW**

ALL CLASSES PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

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8th Grade – Class - 2012

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you at Freshmen Orientation on Wednesday, September 3.

Look for your Back to School Packet which will be mailed to you the second week in August. This packet will contain forms that your parents will need to fill out and sign. There will be information about freshmen orientation, parent association information, a health card to fill out, the Student/Parent Handbook and much more.

Forms that need to be filled out should be returned to the high school (they will be collected by your homeroom teacher) on September 4th.

Welcome to CCHS!

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See you in September

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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 2008 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 2008 – 2009 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 8, 2008**. 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
from the
Counseling Department*