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Parents Association

Dear CCHS Parents,

The snow and ice have finally melted, the grass is getting greener and the daffodils are in bloom. CCHS is full of activity from dances, proms and theater productions to awards nights and concerts, spring sports and, oh yes, MCAS, SATs and even classes!

Thanks to the many families whose contributions have totaled more than \$29,000 in this year's **Annual Appeal**. Your generosity allowed the PA Grants Committee to support a variety of innovative programs during the spring grants cycle including acquisitions of materials for the art department, like high fire glazes for ceramics and special mats for the advanced photography classes; purchase of a printer, DVDs and an extensive collection of MP3s and CDs for the English department in collaboration with the library; selection of a variety of Chinese books and films for the foreign languages department; and, sponsorship of a workshop for the special education department. Thanks especially to **Sandra Curran, Annual Appeal Chair**, and **Susan Mills, Grants Committee Chair** for all the work they and their committees have done throughout the year.

The highly anticipated Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association production of the **CCHS Faculty Follies, "The 2009 Academe Awards"** is almost here with **Saturday May 9** just around the corner. Our faculty has spent countless hours planning, drafting, writing, rewriting and rehearsing this production. For those who attend the follies, please take a few minutes and drop by the reception sponsored by the Parents Association in the CCHS cafeteria immediately following the show, and personally let our faculty know how you felt about their performance! Tickets for our "PA Raffle" will also be on sale before and during the show's intermission. Thanks to our generous donors to the raffle. Thanks also to **Claudia Feeney** and **Bernadette Desrosiers LeBlanc** for organizing the post-production reception.

As the prom and party season approaches and summer vacation stretches before us, our final PA-sponsored program of the year will be very topical. On **Tuesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the CCHS library**, CPS Health Coordinator **Kathy Bowen** will discuss trends from and community response to **The CCHS Youth Risk Behavior Survey: Actions for a Healthy Community**. The **Annual Meeting of the CCHS PA** and the election of officers for next year will take place on the same night and will precede the main program, starting at 7:15 p.m.

The PA is still looking for volunteers to fill positions on our executive board and various committees for next year. This is a great way to become involved at CCHS, make new friends, and help our students really enjoy their high school years. Please contact **Brenda Delsener** at 978-371-0486 or myself at 978-369-0586 if you are interested or would like further information on the positions available.

Another major event still to come this year is the **All Night Live** party for seniors, being held on the night of graduation – **June 13** this year. Please sign your seniors up for the event if you haven't already, and watch for notices about the need for volunteers to help out.

We're looking forward to seeing you at the **Superintendent's Tea on Friday May 1st, 3:30 p.m.** at the **Willard Library** and the **Principal's Coffee on Monday May 4th, 8:30 a.m.** at **CCHS in Room A-7**. Wishing you and your students happy times and pleasant memories during this "home stretch" of the 2008-2009 year.

On behalf of the CCHS PA Board,
Linda Miller, President
978-369-0586 or lindaimiller@earthlink.net



Notes from Mr. Badalament

I hope this letter finds you well rested after the April Break. I took some time off to spend with my family – highlights included planting a vegetable garden and going to the Patriots Day parade in Concord.

On the subject of **vacations**, we had a startlingly low attendance rate on the Friday before vacation. Apparently 18% of the school was absent (compared to an average daily rate of 5-7 %.) While I realize that some students were sick and some were on college visits, we should not have an absence rate this high on any given day. I want to strongly encourage parents not to start family vacations that will interfere with school attendance.

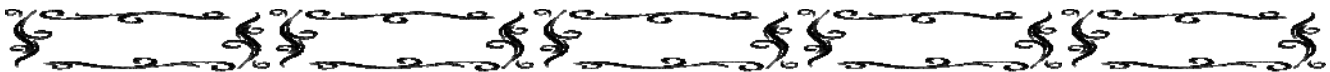
I want to express my **thanks to the senior class and their parents**. This class has provided leadership and modeled good citizenship for the entire school. Additionally, they are one of the most talented groups I have seen. Whether it is on the stage, in the athletic arena, in the meaningful fulfillment of community service, in the classroom, or simply the way they conduct themselves in their day-to-day interactions at CCHS, the Class of 2009 has set a high standard for others to follow. At this time, we are still compiling the results of the college applications. While I hope they do well in that respect, I hope you and they know that their worth as students and contributors to CCHS extends far beyond that. Best wishes to all as we approach the end of the high school experience.

We have begun the **scheduling process**. Students have selected courses, and in many cases also indicated a second choice. We are beginning to put together the master schedule. When students are allowed to simply “make choices” it would not be reasonable to expect that they would choose courses in exactly the numbers that we could accommodate. A number of courses are over requested. We cannot add any sections, which means we are frequently going to second choice selections in those cases where a course is over requested. As is the policy, we give priority to seniors, then juniors, etc. It is likely that many students will be enrolled in their second choice selection. This is not significantly different from other years. However, it is one of the scheduling steps that is frequently misunderstood.

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

On May 19-20 sophomores will take **MCAS** tests in Math. One day of the math tests allow calculator use. The second day does not allow calculator use. Both days the students are given a page of math facts and formulas for their use. During the first week of June the students will take MCAS science tests. These tests are either Biology or Chemistry, depending on the course they are now taking. In every case students are given a suggested time frame for completion, but are allowed to take as long as they wish to finish the exam.

I hope that the rest of the school year goes well for your son or daughter. Enjoy the spring weather.



Opening Day for 2009-2010

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION on Wednesday, September 2, 2009.

FRESHMEN AND UPPERCLASSMEN REPORT on Thursday, September 3, 2009 to begin classes.

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



The CCHS Parents Association sponsors:

**“The CCHS Youth Risk Behavior Survey:
Actions for a Healthy Community”
Kathy Bowen, CPS Health Coordinator**

Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 7:30 – 9:00 pm, CCHS Library

Did you know...?

- Only 4% of CCHS students report “never” or “rarely” wearing a seatbelt when riding in a car driven by someone else.
- However, 25% report riding in a car driven by a minor who had been drinking alcohol or using other drugs at least once during past thirty days.
- And 38% report having driven a car while using a cell phone to talk or text in that same time period.

Did you wonder...?

- More than 6% of CCHS students report having ever been hurt physically or sexually by a date or someone they were going out with.
- One-sixth of students (17%) report having been shouted at, sworn at, scared, threatened, or insulted by someone they were dating in the prior year.

Did you ask...?

- 46% of CCHS students report having had at least one drink of alcohol on at least one occasion during the last thirty days.
- 29% report having had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row (within a couple of hours) on at least one occasion during the last thirty days.
- One-third (34%) of students have attended parties held in homes where alcohol use by teens was allowed, either occasionally or frequently during the year.

Did you respond...?

The CCHS Parents Association Annual Meeting will be held prior to the meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the CCHS Library.



A Fundraiser extravaganza for the Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association

Faculty Follies
The 2009 Academe Awards



Saturday, May 9th, 2009
7:30 p.m.
CCHS Auditorium
Tickets \$15.00
Brought to you by the Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association

On Saturday, May 9 the **Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association** will present the highly anticipated faculty show, "**The 2009 Academe Awards**" a send-up of life at CCHS. Our faculty has spent countless hours planning, drafting, writing, rewriting and rehearsing this production. Though details of the teachers' spoofs have been heavily guarded, advanced word is that hilarity is guaranteed. For those who are planning on attending the follies, please take a few minutes and drop by the **Parents Association** sponsored reception in the CCHS cafeteria immediately following the show, and personally let our faculty know how you felt about their performance!

Tickets for our "**PA Raffle**" will also be on sale before and during the show's intermission.

Tickets (\$15) are available after May 1 in the high school cafeteria or (if they last) at the door on the night of the performance.



All Night Live Is Just One Month Away!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!

To date we have 80 seniors signed up! THANK YOU to the parents who chose to make a donation on top of the ticket price. As you know the ticket price for All Night Live covers less than half the price of the event. *Your generosity is very much appreciated.*

If you have not sent in your rsvp, please do so as soon as possible. We would love to see 100% of the senior class attend All Night Live!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for: ALL NIGHT LIVE

We need MANY volunteers to create the graduation event all seniors look forward to - All Night Live 2009. (June 12th – 14th)

For those not familiar with All Night Live, it 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 19-year tradition sponsored by Freshman, Sophomore and Junior parents. To ensure its continued success we need your help. Please consider helping in any of the following ways:

Friday June 12th

2pm-5pm Decorate CCHS Cafe

5pm-8pm Decorate CCHS Cafe

Saturday June 13th

Guard Cafe during graduation 12pm-2pm

Guard Cafe during graduation 2pm-4pm

9:15pm-11:15pm Chaperone

9:15pm-1:15am Chaperone

Sunday, June 14th

1:00am-3:00am Chaperone

1:00am-5:00am Chaperone

To volunteer, please contact Devra Feshbach-Meriney fesh-ber_d@comcast.net

Questions? Please contact: Chery Baggen 978-369-4495 or Kathe Falzer 978-369-9631
HYPERLINK "<mailto:allnightlive@comcas%20t.net>" allnightlive@comcast.net



Spotlight ON - Junior State - Advisor: Ms. Glazer

Goals

- To provide an opportunity for students to learn about government and the political process.
- To help students develop and polish leadership skills.
- To encourage critical thinking.
- To provide students with the theoretical and practical knowledge necessary to insure active informed citizenship

Membership

Any student at CCHS is welcome to join Junior State and attend meetings and activities. New members may join the club throughout the course of the school year.

Participation

Anyone is welcome at the meetings. Voting members are those who attend ½ of the meetings each year. Students will engage in discussions and debates about political and legislative issues. Opportunities are also available for students to participate in regional Junior State Congresses. In order to participate in these events, students must attend all preparatory meetings for the particular Congress and must meet all deadlines for submission of paper, bills, and presentations. Participation in Junior State Congresses is not a requirement of club membership. Students will have an opportunity to apply for participation in these events. Prior to application deadlines, the advisor will provide students with the specific criteria for selection and participation.

CCTV Crew Call: Concord & Carlisle Town Meetings

Attention CCTV Members and Friends:

Town meeting for both Concord and Carlisle is fast approaching and CCTV needs a few good hands to run our cameras, our robotic camera, and our Anycast Live Switcher at what is sure to be a town meeting for the history books. This yearly town event is no doubt CCTV's most important and immediate piece of programming. Broadcasting live throughout Concord and Carlisle, CCTV plays a pivotal role in keeping the township informed as votes are counted and decisions are made. Even those far from the festivities will stay in the know with live streaming of all three nights at concordtv.org. Shoot dates for Concord's Town Meeting are April 27th-29th, 6:30pm-11:00pm at Concord-Carlisle High School Auditorium. Shoot dates for Carlisle's Town Meeting are May 4th and 5th, 6:30pm-11:00pm at Corey Auditorium, Carlisle Public School. If you can join our crew for one or all dates listed, please contact CCTV at 978-369-5038 or email Executive Director Charles Paige at Charles.Paige@concordtv.org and help bring this important public service to your town.

Thank you for your continued support.

CCTV staff.

<http://www.concordtv.org>

The Drinking Gourd Project Invites You To Come Back In Time With Us.

May 17th from 3-4:30, First Parish Church, 20 Lexington Rd. Concord, MA
Followed by a guided walking tour of Walden Woods lead by Elise Lemire

Africans, Abolitionist and the Women of Concord, 17th-19th Century.

A walk through lost history, unearthing stories of "ordinary people" who lead ordinary and heroic lives in Concord, 17th-19th Century. Keynote speaker: Elise Lemire - Author of newly released ***Black Walden: Slavery and Its Aftermath in Concord Massachusetts.***

Other guests include, **Fredrick Douglas, Harriet Tubman, Louisa May Alcott, Mary Merrick Brooks, and Henry David Thoreau.**

Recommended for ages 8 and through 108.



May Calendar

1. Senate Officer Speeches
Music in the Park Festival
Class Government Speeches & Election
2. Sophomore Semi
Class 2012 Clean Up after Semi
3. Free
4. Principals Coffee
AP Exams
5. AP Exams
6. AP Exams
7. Colleges @ CCHS
AP Exams
8. Senate Elections
AP Exams
9. Faculty Show
MICCA Solo & Ensemble Festival
10. Free
11. Senior/Junior Awards Night
AP Exams
12. Newsletter
Senior Project Night
AP Exams
13. SAC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. main office
conference room
Attendance Sheets Due to Mrs. Merry
14. Orchestra Rehearsal @ 7:00 p.m.
AP Exams
15. Junior Prom @ Burlington Marriot
Reception @ CCHS Pre Prom – sponsored by
Class 2010
AP Exams
16. Free
17. Free
18. Sophomore/Freshmen Awards Night
Attendance Review Board Meeting
19. PA Program – TBA – Library
MCAS
20. MCAS
Orchestra Pops – 7:30pm
21. Junior/Faculty Tea
MCAS
22. Faculty Appreciation Lunch
MCAS
23. Free
24. Free
25. Memorial Day – No School
26. MCAS
27. MCAS
28. MCAS
29. Spring - Shakespeare
Homeroom / Attendance Reports
30. Spring – Shakespeare
31. Spring Shakespeare



Calling all Actors and Singers!

The Savoyard Light Opera Company of Carlisle is looking for children 10 and up to perform in our fall production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*.

Auditions will be held at Corey Auditorium by appointment only on May 18, 19 and 20. Rehearsals begin after Labor Day and are held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7:00 – 10:00 at the First Religious Society on School Street in Carlisle. Performances will be in November.

Please visit our website at www.savoyardlightopera.org or call Connie Benn at 978-318-9795 for more information.



VISITORS/GUESTS

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

SENIOR PROJECT FAIR

May 12th - 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
CCHS Library.

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

MCAS TESTS TO BE ADMINISTERED - MAY 19 THROUGH MAY 28

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

The first test session was administered in April, during which time students took the long composition portion of the test. The remainder of the testing will take place between **May 19 and May 28**.

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

It is very important that all sophomores be present each day of the testing so that they will not need to take the English or math test as juniors. While there will be some time available for makeup for those who are ill for a day, we urge everyone to be present **May 19 through May 28** to avoid having to reschedule testing. Students will have sufficient time to complete each exam.

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, student and parents should contact the Counseling Office at CCHS.

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.



AP EXAMS

During the weeks of May 4 through May 15, students who have registered for Advanced Placement Exams will sit for these exams. All AP Exams for CCHS students are administered at CCHS under the supervision of Dr. Furey. Parents who have questions about these tests should call Dr. Furey at 978-341-2490 x7113.



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

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

WORK PERMITS –

See Mrs. Trainor in the main office for Work Permits. You **must** have a job before a work permit is issued. We are coming on to a busy season so **allow 2 days** to get a permit. Work Permits applications may be obtained from Mrs. Trainor in the main office between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. each day



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

CONCORD-CARLISLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Applications for the CCSF are available online at www.CCscholarshipfund.org. Students seeking support for the 2009-2010 academic year should have submitted their applications by April 1, 2009. Applicants must reside in Concord or Carlisle or have attended school in one of these towns. METCO students are eligible.

The CCSF Scholarships are awarded strictly based on need not merit. However, applications are shared with many local organizations such as, the Concord Rotary, the West Concord Women's Club, the Concord Women's Club, the VFW, the Concord Public Library, Welch's, Rivercrest Deaconess, the Concord Chamber of Commerce and the Carlisle Garden Club, which award merit and need based scholarships. Please direct questions about applications or donations to ccsf@colonial.net.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

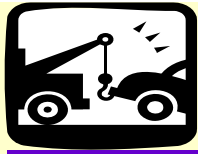
A description of courses, programs, and graduation requirements will be found in the Program of Studies booklet given to each student at the time of registration. Occasionally, parent/student information evenings are planned to discuss curriculum. These programs are listed in the monthly school newsletter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

COURSE SELECTION

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

THE ARENA

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



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The Concord Police Department, Concord Fire Department, and CCHS 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. Parking around the circle in front of the high school “Live Parking” has become an issue.

- ⇒ **IF YOU ARE GOING TO THE BEEDE CENTER, PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR IN THE BEEDE CENTER PARKING LOT.**
- ⇒ **DO NOT PARK/BLOCK THE HANDICAPPED PARKING SPOTS IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL OR IN THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL.**
- ⇒ **NO “LIVE PARKING” IN THE CIRCLE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.**
- ⇒ **DO NOT BLOCK THE HANDICAPPED RAMP IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.**
- ⇒ **DO NOT BLOCK CARS THAT ARE TRYING TO EXIT A LEGAL PARKING SPOT.**

Thank you for your cooperation

Illegally parked vehicles may be ticketed or towed at the owner’s expense. Please pass the word along

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. Any questions may be directed to the Principal.

Students and Parents are again reminded that there is no live parking in front of the school around the island. Please obey the No Parking Signs. Also, please do not park in any of the handicapped spots if you do not have a handicapped tag. Your car will be towed at your expense.

All students should be keeping record of all of the community service hours they have earned. Be sure you have the proper paperwork submitted to your class administrator.



THE CONCORD SEPAC



The Concord Special Education Parents Advisory Committee (SEPAC) 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 who need, or may 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 need, and act in an advisory role to the respective School Committees regarding parents' collective issues.

Become an effective advocate for your child.

We offer a broad range of information, contacts, networking opportunities and presentations by specialists. SEPAC members share information (books, tutors, evaluators, etc.) they have found useful in guiding their children's education and social-emotional development. We will help you connect with other parents and professionals dealing with similar issues.

You don't have to do this alone.

Visit our website: www.concordspedpac.org

View our online calendar for more information on this year's educational presentations and meetings, or watch for our announcements in your school newsletters.

Subscribe to our SEPAC email list by clicking on the purple Yahoo button on our website. 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.

Join us.

The Concord SEPAC 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. All you have to do is subscribe to our email list.

Consider volunteering some of your time to keep us going strong (see openings below).

For more information, call your liaison:

EARLY INTERVENTION:

PRESCHOOL:

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MENTAL HEALTH / EMOTIONAL DISABILITIES, Carole Fiorentino, 978-369-2621, CWFhere@comcast.net



Concord-Carlisle High School - 2009-2010 School Calendar

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STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Item: JH

Regular and punctual school attendance is essential for success in school. The Committee does recognize that parents of children attending our schools have special rights as well as responsibilities, one of which is to ensure that their children attend school regularly, in accordance with state law.

Therefore, students may be excused temporarily from school attendance for the following reasons: (1) Illness or quarantine; (2) Bereavement or serious illness in family; (3) Weather so inclement as to endanger the health of the child; (4) Observance of major religious holidays. A child may also be excused for other exceptional reasons with approval of the school administrator.

A student’s understanding of the importance of day-to-day schoolwork is an important factor in the shaping of character. Parents can help their children by refusing to allow them to miss school needlessly. Accordingly, parents will provide a written explanation for the absence and a tardiness of a child. This will be required in advance for types of absences where advance notice is possible. In instances of chronic or irregular absence reportedly due to illness, the school administration may request a physician’s statement certifying such absences to be justifiable.

School Committee Policy

ADOPTED: CSC: 27 September 2005
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<p>ADMINISTRATION - RIPLEY BUILDING Diana Rigby - Superintendent John Flaherty - Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations Kathryn Codianne - Director of Teaching & Learning Jessica Murphy - K-12 Special Education Director Kelly McCausland - Director of Human Resources</p> <p>SCHOOLS Peter Badalament , Principal - Concord-Carlisle High School - 978-318-1400 Arthur Unobskey, Principal - Concord Middle School - Peabody Building -978-318-1360 Sanborn Building -978-318-1380 Sharon Young, Principal - Alcott Elementary School -978-318-9544 Robert Colantuono, Principal - Thoreau Elementary School -978-318-1300 Patricia Fernandes, Principal - Willard Elementary School - 978-318-1340</p>

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CCHS Driver Education begins soon!

CCHS Driver Education is accepting enrollment for upcoming classes:

DE 100: Monday & Wednesday, May 4 to June 24, 6:30-8:30 PM, CCHS L Building
DE 101: Tuesday & Thursday, May 5 to June 23, 2:30-4:30 PM, CCHS L Building
DE 102: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (and Wed. July 22), July 6 to July 23, 6:00-9:00 PM

Required parent session, either Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 PM, Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 PM or Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 PM

The fee for the 30 hour classroom course and the on-the-road (OTR) instruction (12 hours of behind-the-wheel, 12 hours observation) is \$600.

OTR instruction is conducted in two-hour periods during non-school hours, afternoons, weekends, and vacation periods.

Information and enrollment forms may be downloaded from the Driver Ed link at www.ace.colonial.net. For more information call (978) 318-1540.

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Concord Public Schools ~ Summer School

Concord-Carlisle Schools ~ Adult & Community Education

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120 Meriam Road, Concord, Mass. 01742

Course information at (978) 318-1540 days, 318-1432 nights, 318-1539 fax



DVD's of 2009 Commencement Available from CCTV

CCTV is pleased to announce that we will once again be video taping the Concord – Carlisle High School Commencement Ceremony. CCTV will be using 3 cameras and our mobile studio to make a professionally produced and edited DVD of the complete festivities. DVD's of the 2009 commencement ceremony will be made available for \$20. To pre-order your copy, contact CCTV at 978-369-5038 or email: manager@concordtv.org. Reserve your Copy today!



CLASS NEWS

Senior Class - 2009

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 2009 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. Don't wait until the end of the year. **Senior will not be able to pick up their cap and gown packet if these obligations are not taken care of. You will not be able to participate in graduation unless all of your obligations are cleared up.**

SENIOR INFORMATION

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

A REMINDER FROM THE REGISTRAR

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

THE SENIOR GRADUATION LETTER was mailed in April. All parents and seniors should read this information carefully.

Senior week activities include the Senior Prom, Class Night, and the Graduation Exercises, all of which are voluntarily sponsored by the school and for which participation is totally voluntary on the part of students.

The School Rules and Regulations with Respect to Senior Week Activities and the Regulations for the Graduation Ceremony may be found in the 2008-2009 Handbook for Students and Parents, which was distributed to all students in August 2008. Any questions regarding these regulations may be addressed to the school principal.



SENIOR INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES

COURSE OBLIGATIONS – All outstanding course work (**including community service work**) must be completed by **June 5, 2009**. Please note that only students who have completed and passed all course and distribution requirements by that date will be eligible to participate in the **June 13th graduation ceremony**. If you are in doubt as to your academic record, please check with your guidance counselor **now**.

MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT OBLIGATIONS – All materials and equipment loaned to you by the school must be returned to the appropriate teacher, coach, or advisor no later than **June 5, 2009**. Please return all library books to the library. Locker locks issued to you by the school must be returned to Mrs. Trainor in the main office. Seniors should be checking the materials list posted on the window of the main office and see Mrs. Trainor to take care of these obligations. All outstanding obligations must be settled by **June 5, 2009** at the very latest. You will not be able to pick up your cap and gown without taking care of the above obligations.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR – All seniors please see Mrs. Tessari in the Registrar's Office **PRIOR** to **June 5th** concerning your plans for next year. This information is needed to develop a profile for your class. No student names are used in the profile.

More information contained in your Senior Letter

Monday, June 8, 2009

- ◆ Pancake Breakfast @ 7:25 a.m. in the Cafeteria
- ◆ Graduation Rehearsal following the Pancake Breakfast in the Upper Gym @ 8:25 a.m.
- ◆ Senior Farewell Assembly @ 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Gym following rehearsal
- ◆ Paw Sox Game – Depart CCHS @ 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

- ◆ Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal and Cap & Gown Pick Up. All seniors report to the upper gym @ 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ Baccalaureate Night @ 7:30p.m. in the auditorium

Wednesday, June 10, 2009


- ◆ Senior Prom: Hyatt Harborside – 7:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 11, 2009

- ◆ Senior BBQ and Movie Night 6:30 p.m. – CCHS Lower Fields

GRADUATION DAY!

Saturday, June 13, 2009

 All students should arrive at the high school no later than 1:00 p.m. to prepare for the processional to the field. Student should bring their cap/gown/tassel with them. We do not have extras! All seniors should gather in the lower gym. Please ask family and friends to proceed to the field. Only faculty and students are allowed in the lower gym in preparation for the ceremony. All Night Live Celebration will begin at 9:30 p.m.

WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TICKET SALES, PRICES, AND OTHER INFORMATION

CCTV will be recording the CCHS Graduation on Saturday, June 13th. See the article in this newsletter for information.



ATTIRE AT GRADUATION- All students eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony and who choose to participate will wear a cap and gown (the gown is worn closed) under which shall be appropriate attire such as:

1. **Dress or a blouse and skirt – dress sandals or shoes (white, if possible) for women.**
2. **A shirt, slacks or trousers, shoes and socks for men**

Jeans, shorts, beach thongs, sneakers, and bare feet are not appropriate for the graduation ceremony. Any student who has a question concerning the guidelines or who is experiencing difficulty in meeting these guidelines should see his/her class advisor at least one week prior to the date of the graduation ceremony. The advisor will clarify any questions and provide assistance to those who are experiencing difficulty in meeting the guidelines. The class advisors and their faculty assistants will be responsible to ensure that all students participating in the graduation ceremony are dressed appropriately according to these guidelines. Any student who is found by the class advisor(s) to be flagrantly disregarding the guidelines after having been given an opportunity to explain his/her side of the story to the class advisor and to correct the identified problem prior to leaving the school for the field, will not be allowed the privilege of participating the graduation ceremony. Once on the field for the ceremony, a student found to have altered his/her attire, so as to no longer be following the guidelines, (such as having removed his/her shoes) will be given the opportunity to correct the situation so that he/she may proceed to the podium to receive his/her diploma. If a student so found does not correct the situation, his/her name will not be read for reception of a diploma. Any student who is denied the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony, or whose name is not read for the reason noted above, will receive his/her diploma at a time other than that of the graduation ceremony, such time to be specified by the school principal.

CONDUCT - The school rules and regulations as clarified in the statement School Rules and Regulations with Respect to Senior Week Activities will be in effect. Any student who has been reported to have engaged in any of the behaviors as outlined in this statement will be given the opportunity to present his/her side of the story to the school principal or his designee. The school principal or his designee will determine if the student is to be denied the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony. This decision and the reasons for it will be communicated in writing to the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s). Any student who is denied the privilege of participation in the graduation ceremony for behavior reasons will receive his/her diploma at a time other than the graduation ceremony, that time to be specified to the student by the school principal.

Graduation Information

The **YEARBOOK DEDICATION** ceremony is currently **anticipated** to take place in the library at 2:15 p.m. on **June 1st** and you are invited to attend. The 2009 Yearbook will be available for distribution to **SENIORS ONLY** at the **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**.

GRADUATION INVITATIONS will be available on **May 4th** from Mrs. Tessari in the transcript office. Invitations will be reserved for each graduate through May 30th. After May 30th, graduates may request additional invitations, from Mrs. Coleman and requests will be honored on a first-come-first-served basis as long as the supply lasts. Please note that you may invite as many people as you wish to graduation. You **do not need** an engraved invitation to enter the field or in case of rain, the upper gym. All graduates will receive **special rain tickets** with their cap and gown.

RAIN TICKETS WILL BE LIMITED, AND IF THEY ARE LOST, THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED.

CAP AND GOWNS will be **distributed June 10th** to those who ordered them. Without a cap and gown a student **WILL NOT** be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. The cap and gown are yours to keep.

GRADUATION will begin at 2:00 p.m. on **June 13, 2009**, and will be held **RAIN OR SHINE**. **All graduating seniors should report to the lower gym no later than 1:00 p.m.** The ceremony should last about one hour and a half, including the graduation reception sponsored by the Class of 2010. The after graduation all-night celebration **“ALL NIGHT LIVE!”** will begin at 9:30 p.m. Please watch for more information from the planning committee and plan to come.



RESERVED SEATING will be provided **ONLY** for **Senior Citizens and Handicapped persons who are UNABLE to use the grandstands**. It will be necessary to reserve seating in advance so that we may provide sufficient chairs in front of the grandstands. If you wish to reserve seating for this purpose, please call Mrs. Coleman at the school (978-341-2490 x7101) **beginning May 4th and no later than June 2nd**. Only participants in the graduation ceremony are to be on the football field.

IF GRADUATION IS HELD INDOORS, THERE WILL BE NO RESERVED SEATING SECTION.

GRADUATES SHOULD REPORT TO THE LOWER GYM BY 1:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009 TO LINE UP FOR GRADUATION. Please **DO NOT** bring purses, cameras, sweaters, etc. since there is no place to store them. If your family or friends will be giving you flowers for graduation, please wait until after the ceremony to accept them. Please ask your family and friends to go directly to the field (or upper gym in case of rain) and **NOT TO THE LOWER GYM.**

NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN THE LOWER GYM EXCEPT FOR PARTICIPATING GRADUATES AND

A **RECEPTION** sponsored by the **Class of 2010** for graduates, family and friends will be held immediately following the graduation ceremony.

A **PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER** has been engaged specifically for graduation and will take photographs of all seniors as you receive your diploma. There is no obligation to purchase this picture. If you wish to take advantage of the photo offer from the photographer, you should follow the directions in the materials that will be sent to you under a separate cover. A video broadcast of graduation will be done by Cablevision. Please remind your family and friends that we ask that **THEY REMAIN IN THEIR SEATS** rather than come to the field to take pictures when diplomas are awarded. The only photographers on the field will be the press, the professional photographer (who will take your individual picture) and the camera operators from Cablevision.

GREETINGS,

Hopefully you received your **SENIOR WEEK FLYER** by U.S. mail in early April, including a description of Senior Week events (week of June 7th) and order form. **The ORDER FORM & PAYMENT SHOULD BE RETURNED BY MAY 8** to Brian Miller. (Misplaced your form? Email Cathy Galligan - catgalligan@comcast.net - for an electronic copy.) If your son or daughter is planning to bring a prom guest from another high school, an approved permission form is needed prior to purchasing the tickets.

SENIOR WEEK:

- Monday - pancake breakfast, graduation rehearsal, farewell assembly and Paw Sox game
- Tuesday – graduation rehearsal & Baccalaureate Night
- Wednesday – Senior Prom
- Thursday – Barbecue & movie night
- Saturday - Graduation

THANK YOU TO JOAN D'ARCY FOR HOSTING OUR FINAL MOM'S NIGHT OUT as members of the class of 2009. It was a lovely time, socializing with friends old and new as we begin to wrap up senior year. Thanks, Joan, and thanks to all the Moms who came and made it a festive evening.

The pace of activities is beginning to pick up and as usual, **THERE IS INCREDIBLE SUPPORT FROM THE 2009 PARENTS.** We express our appreciation to the following chairpersons and organizers and to the many, many parent assistants. Thank you; these events make for a memorable Senior Week and could not take place without your help!

- Cynthia Katz - chair of Baby Picture Project
- Cynthia Ellis, Lisa Pearl and Alex Ward – co-chairs of the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Laurie Cadigan and Mary O'Toole – co-chairs of the Senior Week Pancake Breakfast
- Roseanne Swain, Barbara Green and Karen Verrill – co-chairs of Senior Prom decorations
- Kathe Falzer and Chery Baggen (Class of 2010) – co-chairs of All Night Live

Please watch the class emails for the most up-to-date information about activities and deadlines. We hope that your family's plans for next year are falling into place and you are enjoying the seniors' final months at CCHS. It is an exciting time, whether it is your oldest, youngest or in-between child that is graduating.

Wishing you a great month ahead,
Claudia Feeney, Cathy Galligan, Anne Marks and Kathy Robey
Class of 2009 Parent Reps



Junior Class 2010

Welcome back from April vacation. We hope everyone enjoyed some extra family time last week, whether island hopping, campus touring, or staying close to home.

CCHS '09-'10 PLANNER A final reminder that May 22 is the deadline for submitting your message to your (soon to be) Senior. If you've been wanting to do so, but haven't gotten around to it, now is the time! Contact Linda Fabrizio at linda_fabrizio@hotmail.com. Thanks for supporting the class.

SATURDAY, MAY 9 FACULTY FOLLIES. This is a faculty performance that will be held in the auditorium with the help of the Parent Association. Each class has been asked to get involved in some way and the Class of 2009 and 2010 parents have agreed to host the post-performance reception in the cafeteria. An email requesting donations of desserts etc from all of the parents of all of the classes has been sent.

FRIDAY, MAY 15 - JUNIOR PROM- Plans for the JUNIOR PROM are progressing smoothly under the students' capable direction. The Junior Prom will be held at the Burlington Marriott. Plans are to have the tux company out to fit the kids on Thursday April 30th. Stay tuned

THURSDAY MAY 21 - JUNIOR-FACULTY RECEPTION - The Class of 2010 Junior-Faculty Reception will be taking place on Thursday, May 21 at 2:15 PM in the CCHS Library. This is an opportunity for students and faculty to mingle, enjoy light refreshments and chat about plans and preparations for life after CCHS. Many students use this as an opportunity to ask faculty members to write a letter of recommendation for their college applications. Although parents do not attend, we provide the refreshments for the reception. More information and call-to-help will follow.

SATURDAY JUNE 13 - GRADUATION RECEPTION, HOSTED BY THE JUNIOR CLASS - We have started the planning for this event and will be looking for many parents to assist. (Parents who have not experienced a CCHS graduation: this is an enjoyable opportunity for being part of the festivities and seeing what graduation day holds.)

Best wishes,
Peggy Burling, Bernadette Desrosiers LeBlanc, Lisa Harris,
Nancy Orlando, Mariellen Perugini, Deb Verano, Class of 2010 Parent Reps

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**.

EARLY GRADUATION

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

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

Important Information

Juniors 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**



CLASS NEWS

Sophomore Class 2011

No News This Month.

Important Information

Sophomores 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**

Freshmen Class 2012

Important Information

Freshmen 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**

It is not too early to start earning community service hours towards graduation! **The Freshman Class Community Service Project will be the upcoming Concord Drop-Off/Swap-Off, on May 9th.** Students will earn Community Service credit for time worked at this event. Shifts will be early morning, early afternoon, and later afternoon, and there is a 2 hour minimum. Any questions, or to sign up, please contact your **Class President - Sam Barrett**

Secondly, the **Freshman Class** will also be selling water and candy bars at the **Teacher Follies** intermission on **May 9, 2009.** That is the same day as the Concord Drop-Off/Swap-Off and many of the Freshman Class have the opportunity for double Community Service that day. Please encourage your kids to sign-up to work on **May 9!**

Attention Class of 2012! **Your Freshman Class Trip this year is to Six Flags New England!!** The class will be going to **Six Flags on Saturday, May 2nd from 11:30 am to 10:00 pm.** This is a great day and a fun CCHS tradition. Permission slips can be found on CCHS Student News as well as the CCHS-2012 Email List. Forms and checks were due no later than Friday, April 17th but a limited number of late tickets will be available for \$40.00 if you missed the deadline.

Tradition stands that freshmen returning from Six Flags work together to help to put back the cafeteria chairs after the Sophomore Semi. We ask that students remain at the high school for an extra 20 minutes or so to help clean up. The favor is returned to us next year when the new freshmen class will clean up after our Sophomore Semiformal. More information is available on the permission slip or you can email the advisors at [<mailto:lgiunta@colonial.net>]lgiunta@colonial.net and [<mailto:dmcgrath@colonial.net>]dmcgrath@colonial.net.

Class of 2012 Parents: Watch for dates for our last "Parent Mixer" of the Year! It is guaranteed to be a fun one!

Please let us know if you have any questions, want to volunteer or have any input for future activities and/or Newsletter Items

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CLASS NEWS

8th Grade - Class 2013

Course Selections

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

Final Schedules

Final schedules along with all of the information that students and parents need for the opening of school are mailed to homes the second or third week in August.

Back To School Packet

Watch your mail for a thick envelope from the high school, (known as the Back to School Packet) and read its contents very carefully. Included in this packet is the Student/Parent Handbook. Students and parents should read this handbook and keep it handy to use as a reference for the school year.

Order Your Student Planner

Don't miss out in ordering your CCHS planner today for your future freshman student. These planners are useful to you and your student at the high school. There is administrative contact information, event dates for school activities, maps of the school. And best of all, they log their homework in the planner. See the order form in this newsletter.

Mark your Calendar Now with these September Dates to Remember

Wednesday, September 2 – Frosh Orientation
Thursday, September 3 – Classes Begin for all CCHS students
Thursday, September 24 – Back to School Night for Parents
More Information to Follow for all of these important events.

Parents of the Class of 2013.

The Class of 2013 needs your help. Please volunteer to be a parent rep or to help out in other ways. Please contact Linda Miller, PA President at 978-369-0586.



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Transition to College

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

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

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

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

Picture ID Needed

All students taking the May 2, 2009 SAT I/SAT II test must bring a Picture ID to their test site. Counselors can provide an alternative form of identification if students do not have a picture ID.

June SATs

The registration deadline for the June 6, 2009 SAT I and SAT II is May 5th. Late registration is May 15th.

www.collegeboard.com

Wait Lists

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

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

Most colleges do not have a clear picture of their needs until the deposit date of May 1. At that time, they look at the number of deposits and the composition of the class (gender balance, etc.). Students who have clearly expressed a desire to attend are



advantaged in this process. Many colleges telephone students if an opening occurs – make sure you check your phone messages if you are away or leave a cell number.



Double Deposits

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

Record's Office

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

From the Health Office

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

Juniors' College Search

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

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

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

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



Summer School

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

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

Area summer school programs which CCHS students often attend:



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

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



A BIG THANK YOU

The Guidance & Counseling Department would like to thank the Parents' Association, especially Mary Ellis, for all their help in organizing and providing the refreshments for the CCHS College Visit Days.