



# Corvallis High School

a tradition of excellence; preparation for the future

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## Principal's greeting

Dear Parents, what a truly remarkable school we have!! **Three snapshots:** Last night I watched 25 CHS Leadership students serve community members a Thanksgiving spaghetti dinner- table cloths, flowers and dinner music included. Down the hall this morning Mr. Dort and Corliss are helping 90 juniors and seniors learn government (and politics) while preparing for their role as Tennessee in a Mock Democratic National Nominating Convention coming up early next year. CHS is responsible statewide for developing the homepage for the convention. Our first prototype of the page is up and ready for public viewing. And, finally, yesterday I sat with three top-notch CHS math teachers wrestling with two never-ending teacher dilemmas—how high should our expectations be for your students and how can we teach the course to classes that are 50% larger than they were 10 years ago? I walk away from the dinner, the mock convention preparation and the teacher conversation thoroughly impressed and grateful. We have an amazing set of learning experiences available for students.

**Sports/Activities:** Well over 750 of our students will participate in one or more performance activities (athletics, music, drama, robotics) this year at CHS. Without doubt those activities are invaluable—they teach life skills of preparation, teamwork, self-discipline, perseverance and more; they enrich students' lives; they improve their health and minds. But they need your support today. You will be receiving from the Corvallis Schools Foundation a letter and pledge opportunity to help fund those activities for the balance of the year. We are also going to CHS alumni and community members asking for their support, as well. Without that support activities will be cut. Thanks for your help.

**Computerized state tests-** Sophomores (and some juniors) will again be tested this winter in Math, Math Problem Solving (writing), Reading, Writing (essay) and Science. This year we have elected to give the Math and Reading multiple-choice tests using "TESSA," computerized versions of the test, instead of pencil and computer "bubble sheets."

We're very optimistic about this change for a number of reasons. 1) It allows us to test the students when they are ready, rather than being limited to the 3-week window in February reserved for the paper tests. Instead, math classes (either late this fall semester, or late in spring semester) will go to a computer lab one day instead of to their regular class and take the test. Students who need to take the test but who are not in a math class this year will be incorporated into one of the testing classes. 2) Students will get immediate feedback. They'll know their scores that day and can elect to turn around and retake the test the next day if they feel that the first score was so close to the state standard and their mistakes were easily understood and correctable. We know that "motivation" to succeed is a huge factor in testing. State test scores that are delivered 3-4 months after a test is given are often not given serious thought by students. These computerized formats and quick feedbacks have proven to be great motivation for students and we'll be trying to capitalize on that at CHS.

**No Child Left Behind-- NCLB-** Final results of CHS student classroom performance are now on the State Department of Education website. The important news—CHS students as a whole are again noted for exceeding state and national averages in math and writing. And, we test over 98% of our students at CHS (we don't hide underachievers to improve our scores.) But, the report correctly notes that we don't meet the national law's standard because the law also measures how certain subgroups perform. At CHS, students with disabilities (including students with learning disabilities) and students having English as their second language did not meet the standard for student achievement. Frankly, we (and our school board) think that the law is misguided and simply unfair when it asks schools to be ultimately responsible for students' hitting the standard under circumstances well beyond our control. We are committed to looking for ways to improve all students' performance. Thanks for your understanding and support.

And, finally, thanks for your thoughtful and respectful input, suggestions and support. Keep the conversations going. Have a restful, peaceful holiday season. – Jay

## Final exam schedule

Semester finals will be January 27 & 28. No schedule changes. Finals will be given during regular class time.

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## Attention: HP parents

Hewlett Packard employees can make a cash donation to support schools (K-12), and HP will match the gift. The maximum matching dollar amount from HP is \$1,000 per employee. HP employees can go to [www.givingstation.com/hp](http://www.givingstation.com/hp) and select the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation (Giving Station ID#103784). If the employee wishes to designate a specific school and/or program, please list the school/program under "Charity Designation." These donations are made through payroll deductions. If an employee chooses to make a one-time gift, the Corvallis Public Schools

Foundation will receive those funds in early February. If an employee chooses to have their gift withdrawn monthly from their payroll, the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation will receive those funds quarterly, beginning in May 2004. The Corvallis Public Schools Foundation receives a breakdown of donations by donor and charity designation, and the donations and matching gifts are distributed to the schools based on the designations. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Amedo at 757-9057.

## CHS site council elections

Candidates for site council parent representative positions are: Ann Schuster, Julie Manning and Karen Brink. Parents should **vote for three** and return ballots to Linda Alderman in the main office. All site council meetings are open to the public. If you have questions, contact the main office at 757-5871. Votes can also be emailed to [Linda.Alderman@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:Linda.Alderman@corvallis.k12.or.us)

## CHS site council ballot

CHS Site Council parent representative election (two-year term) vote for three.

- Ann Schuster  
 Julie Manning  
 Karen Brink

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(write-in candidate)

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(write-in candidate)

Please vote for three and return your ballot to the CHS office by 3:30 PM December 19, 2003.

## Nichidai host families needed

CHS will be hosting 24 Japanese students from Nichidai High School March 27-April 2. We would like to have at least 12 host families to host 2 students in each household. The students will arrive in Corvallis the afternoon of March 27 and depart the morning of April 2. The students will be attending school during the week.

The program with Nichidai students has been well received in the past. This is a great opportunity to share our culture with students from Japan. Families interested in hosting or needing further information please contact Kathleen Muravez, CHS parent volunteer [muravezk@casco.net](mailto:muravezk@casco.net) or Linda Alderman in the main office.

## Rotary host families needed

Hosting a high school student from another country can be a thoroughly rewarding experience. As a host, you will experience the culture of another culture in your very own home. You and your family members will make lifetime friendships.

The Rotary Club of Corvallis is seeking families to host an exchange student from Ecuador for three months. His name is Xavier, he is sixteen years old, and he is thoroughly enjoying high school life at CHS. Xavier is a true Spartan!

The Rotary Club of Corvallis will provide the host family with a small stipend as well as great support for their hosting experience. Typically, the student will stay with three host families during the year: August to Thanksgiving; Thanksgiving to spring break; spring break to June. If you want to host Xavier for a third of his time in Corvallis, please call Gerry Kosanovic at 757-5983.

## CYS concerts feature classical and jazz

The Corvallis Youth Symphony performs in concert at 3:00PM on Sunday, December 7, at the LaSells Stewart Center on the OSU campus. This special **Winter Concert** will feature Stravinsky's Bercuse & Finale from "The Firebird"; "Mysterious Mountain" (Symphony #2 by Hohaness); Respighi's "Pines of Rome"; and Sarasate's

"Zigunderweisen" with violin solo by CYS senior Sara O'Mara.

Student tickets to the CYS winter concert are \$2 (or free when students are accompanied by an adult), available from CYS members and at Gracewinds Music in Corvallis. Tickets for adults are \$6 in advance, or \$8 at the door.

Following their Winter Concert, the next big thing for CYS will be their February 21 concert when they share the stage with **Pink Martini**. Portland-based Pink Martini is known internationally for their eclectic blend of classical, Latin and jazz traditions. Reserved seating tickets are on sale now for \$15 to \$25, from CYS members or from the CYS website: [cysassoc.org](http://cysassoc.org).

## Lost and found

A lost & found table will be in the cafeteria Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of every week. The items on the tables will be from this school year. As of the end of December, the remaining items will be taken to Vina Moses the last Friday of each month. All valuable items will be kept in the main office.

## Attendance

CHS needs your help in reporting absences. If your child has been, or will be absent, please **call the CHS Attendance Office at 757-5888** as soon as possible. If you do not call, the computer will record your child's absence as unexcused. After 48 hours, absences cannot be excused. Notes are not accepted in place of the phone call.

Absences may be excused at the request of a student's parent/guardian because of illness, disability, illness in the immediate family requiring the student's presence, a family emergency, religious reasons, or anything the school deems appropriate (up to 5 pre-arranged absences per semester). Students who are eighteen-years-old may request their own absences be excused.

Encourage your child to attend all classes; but, if a class is missed, clear excused absences in a timely fashion by calling to give the exact date of absence, block or period of absence, and please spell the student's last name clearly.

**Students were given a 9 weeks' progress report on Thursday, November 13.**

## School-to-Career

Upcoming Advisor Dates:

- December - the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week, pending speaker confirmation
- February - week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> depending on OSAT testing schedule
- April - week of the 5<sup>th</sup> depending on OSAT testing schedule

\*\*as soon as dates are determined, students will be informed

**Career Shadows** (formerly Job Shadows): We are piloting a new process for Career Shadows in Sarah Theurer's global studies classes this semester. Students will be responsible for calling and setting up their own shadows, instead of the Chamber of Commerce doing it this year. If your student has difficulty deciding where or who to shadow, they may come to room 214 for assistance. If you would be willing to host a student, please call 757-5893.



## All night party

Senior parents plan ahead! Start collecting pictures now for your senior's "memory-collage." Memory collages will be displayed at the 2004 Senior All Night Party. Gather pictures that give a history of your child through his/her school years! More details will be provided in a letter home in the spring as well as future newsletters. We are also looking for any video

of this class's 8<sup>th</sup> grade party/graduation from Western View or Highland View. Please contact Janet Cover at 753-8330 if you have one.

Tickets are available from Cindy Gulledge at CHS for \$20 each. The party is the night of June 7, 2004.

Volunteers are needed...call Charlotte Rooks at 745-3685 to sign up. You can help behind the scene or be there the night of the party. Call early to get a shift and job that will work best for you, remember, this is a once in a life time opportunity and we really need you!

Donations of red and blue poker chips are needed for one of the party activities. If you have some, please drop them by CHS office labeled for the All Night Party.

## Please don't pull through the parking lot!

Your cooperation in making the area around CHS safe is appreciated. During the early morning and afternoon rush (7:25 – 7:45 AM and 3:05 – 3:25 PM):

- Do not drop off (or pick up) students in the parking lot in front of the main entrance! This results in cars backed up on 11<sup>th</sup> Street, traffic jams and unsafe conditions for students and staff trying to get into the building.
- Two good options for dropping off (and picking up) passengers are: 11<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the school (not in the parking lot!) and Pierce Street.

Students and parents are reminded that some parking areas are off-limits to students, including the front lot, the industrial compound and the area near the home economics wing. Student cars parked improperly or in inappropriate areas will be cited; continued offenses may lead to towing.

## Bike club unofficial

Parents: Please note that the Bike Club is not a school-sponsored club. Our purpose is to give students opportunities to find others to ride with and learn from. There is no school insurance covering club members and school staff will not be present for all rides. Interested students should report to room 114 during first break on the last day of the school week to organize a ride for the weekend (both mountain and road rides are possible). If you have questions please contact Rob Cornell at 757-3808 or at rob.cornell@corvallis.k12.or.us

## Required immunizations

A reminder to all parents: 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students must be immunized against Hepatitis B and varicella (chickenpox), as well as have the required DPT, Polio and MMR vaccines, in order to be in compliance with Oregon State Law. The Benton County Health Department or your family physician can provide needed immunizations. Students will be excluded from school if they lack the required vaccines. For more information, please call Cindy Gulledge at 757-5910.

## Buy your Spartan 2004 Yearbook

Order by December 19 (price goes up after first of the year) for only \$40.00. Return this order form with a check for the amount below to the CHS main office by December 19. Please make your check out to "CHS Yearbook."

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I want to order \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) yearbook(s).

I have included a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity times \$40)

## Albertsons – CHS

An Albertsons "partner's card" lets you donate 5% of purchases to CHS (up to \$1800 per quarter). The cards are available in Beyond CHS and the main office. When you purchase groceries at Albertsons, just hand the clerk your partner's card to scan. It's that simple to support students at CHS. Last year's total was \$1,337.00!

## Seniors

If you did not fill out a diploma reservation slip at registration, see Cindy Gulledge or Jan Walker immediately.

**Parking permits: All students who drive a car to school are required to have a parking permit.** Forms are available in the main office. If you were issued a parking permit last year, use the same one. Replacement permits cost \$5.

## Kidshare

Kidshare is a program that helps students with many things that they need to make their life and times at the high school a bit easier. Sometimes families cannot provide everything that students need and

Kidshare is here to help fill the gaps. A box will be located in the Counseling Office for personal requests. Students need only to leave a note with their name on it and whatever they may need and if possible we will try to make it happen for you. All requests are confidential. Some ideas of things students have requested at the Westland Kidshare program are: bus passes so they could stay after school for activities, school supplies, clothing, personal items, haircuts, bike helmets, locks and even some food items to name a few. It really depends on the student's individual needs. This is a really great program. As a new program, we need financial help and volunteers to help organize and get it on its feet. Donations can be made to the school district foundation for CHS KIDSHARE. For more information or to help volunteer please contact Chris Ladovsky 752-6240 or talk with Nancy Shaffer in Beyond CHS, 757-7511.

## OSAT results

Ninth grade parents, your students recently received their reading and math multiple-choice OSAT results from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please ask to see them!

Tenth grade students recently received CIM printouts denoting their completed CIM level work samples and scores.

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be receiving complete CIM printouts in December. Each printout will come with a list delineating what needs to be completed to achieve a Certificate of Initial Mastery. Make-up opportunities will be made readily available in all CIM content areas.

## Beyond CHS: Financial aid night

**Financial Aid Night – December 10 - Corvallis High School auditorium 7:00 PM**

**For parents and students – seniors and juniors**

Financial Aid Information is critical to financing a college education. Please come to financial aid night on **Wednesday, December 10**, to learn how to fill out your financial aid papers, hear important updated information on financial aid and listen to speaker Lance Popoff review how to apply for financial aid how to apply for FAFSA. This is a very important step in planning for your child's future.

We suggest that you review the following sites before financial aid night [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov) and [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). If you don't have time, please come to financial aid night anyway.

Applying for FAFSA is very important. We strongly encourage parents to apply on-line. **Why apply on-line?**

1. 1% error rate on electronic applications; 10% error rate on paper
2. Faster turnaround – less than the six weeks turnaround for a paper application – save many weeks of waiting to have the Student Aid Report (SAR) returned
3. You learn your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) immediately
4. You can sign electronically (see below) or on paper

Here is how it works:

1. Apply in December for a PIN Number. What is the PIN? The PIN serves as your identifier, and allows you to access your personal information through various US Dept. of Education systems, and also allows you to sign the FAFSA electronically. The student and the parent each need their own PIN number so that the FAFSA can be signed electronically by both parent and student. Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to do this before financial aid night or wait until after if you are unsure how to do it. – **OR** –

2. You can file electronically and print out the signature page, which is the last page of the application. You print and sign this and then mail it to the processing center. Next year your student will receive a PIN Number on a small postcard around December. **Don't lose it!** – **OR** –

3. If you file by paper, you sign the signature page, mail everything in, and next year your student will receive a PIN Number on a small postcard around December. **Don't lose it!** Then you can do everything on line if you desire.

**THERE IS NO FEE FOR THIS SERVICE. Make sure you get to the right web site. Last year, there was a similar web site asking for \$75.**

**You cannot file by paper or electronically until after January 1.** This is very

important. Every year someone sends in a paper application postmarked before January 2. Applications postmarked before January 2 are destroyed! You will get no financial aid unless the FAFSA is filed *after January 1, 2004.*

Financial Aid can be confusing and there is a steep learning curve. Come learn from those who have worked through the system before you. I look forward to seeing all of you on December 10.

## Beyond CHS news

**OPB Financial Aid For College:** Oregon Public Broadcasting (cable channel 10) will host a financial aid night on Thursday, December 11, from 9-10 PM (phone questions 9-10:30). This will be a very good follow-up to our financial aid night on December 10.

**Reception for 2003 graduates:** Former Corvallis High students from the class of 2002 are invited to come back and mingle with seniors this year on Thursday, December 18 at 1:00-2:30 in Beyond CHS. Please let any former seniors know and make sure your senior stops by Beyond CHS. There will be students from Southern California, U of Oregon, Oregon State, Lewis & Clark, Harvey Mudd, Scripps, Southern Oregon, University of Portland etc. If you would like to provide food or help, please call Nancy Shaffer at 757-5711.

**CIS on-line for CHS:** CIS for this year is now up and running. CIS provides wonderful information on occupations and employment, education and training, colleges and vocational training. The information is very complete and includes information on financial aid, the military, non-college training programs, job search skills, and easy links to colleges. To access CIS go to the Corvallis High School web site:

<http://www2.corvallis.k12.or.us/chs/> – click on Career Information. The address and password have changed to: **Name:** corvallisHS **Password:** spartans

**E-mail addresses:** Staff members may be reached by email for school matters by using the following formula: [John.Doe@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:John.Doe@corvallis.k12.or.us)

**Transcripts** are ordered in Beyond CHS, the first two are free, after that they are \$2 each. We need four days to get them to you!!! We do not mail transcripts, applications, or letters of recommendations to schools; students are responsible for getting everything to colleges they apply to.

**Corvallis School District Foundation:** Beyond CHS has an account with the Corvallis

School District Foundation. Your tax-deductible donations will be greatly appreciated and will support purchasing new books, supplies & equipment for the room, professional development, and other costs.

**Colleges visiting Beyond CHS:** New college visits are added all the time, have your student check Beyond CHS. Please note that students must sign up if they intend to visit. Sometimes a college calls ahead to see if any students have signed up. If no students have signed up, the college representative may cancel the visit. There is a purple book that students need to register in and then when they come to the visit, they will be excused from classes.

**college .....minimum required GPA**

OSU .....	3.0 GPA
OSU/LBCC dual enrollment .....	3.0 GPA
University of Oregon .....	3.25 GPA
Southern Oregon University .....	2.75 GPA
Portland State University .....	2.5 GPA
Western Oregon University .....	2.75 GPA

**UO School of Music scholarship auditions for Fall 2004** will be held at the UO School of Music, February 7-8, 2004. To schedule your audition, call:(541) 346-1164 or e-mail: [audition@oregon.uoregon.edu](mailto:audition@oregon.uoregon.edu). More than \$200,000 is awarded annually in music scholarships.

**Seniors and parents need to help each other through the college application process.** It would be great if all applications could be turned in by November 1. Watch deadline dates. Remember, early decision is binding; early action, early notification or just getting your application in early is non-binding. Counselors and teachers need at least three weeks to write a letter of recommendation; please don't ask for a letter if you don't need one.

**This year's Valedictorian and Salutatorian Honorees will be chosen using the same process as has been used for the past several years.**

## Scholarships and awards

Applications materials are available in Beyond CHS.

**AXA Achievement Scholarship Program-** For high school seniors who will enroll in an accredited 2 or 4 year college and demonstrates outstanding achievement in an activity in school, the community or workplace. Award: \$10,000 (one in each state). *Deadline:* 12/15/03

**American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest-** For students in high school or junior high school. The prepared oration must be the original effort of each contestant and must be 8 minutes or more for delivery. It must be delivered in English. Award: \$14,000 to \$18,000. *Deadline:* 12/01/03

**American Meteorological Society-** For minority students who intend to pursue careers in the atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. Award: two years at \$3000. *Deadline:* 2/13/04

**Ayn Rand Anthem Essay Contest-** For 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, an essay on The Fountainhead. Award: \$50 to \$10,000. *Deadline:* 4/15/04

**Bennington Young Writers Award-** For 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Students needs to submit three poems, a short story or an un-produced one-act play. Award: \$75 to \$250. *Deadline:* 12/01/03

**Chapel of Four Chaplains Art Contest-** Any form of flat art, except photography, on the topic, "Making the World a Better Place Through Service and Sacrifice". Additional information available at: <http://www.fourchaplains.org> Award: \$500 to \$1000. *Deadline:* 12/05/03

**Chapel of Four Chaplains Project Lifesaver-** Organize and conduct a new project with 6 team members to ameliorate an identified problem or need in the community or in the U.S. For example: homelessness, disaster relief, hunger, illiteracy, etc. Additional info available at <http://www.fourchaplains.org> Award: \$750 to \$1000. *Deadline:* 12/08/03

**Concerta DHS Scholarship Contest-** The nominator writes an essay of 250 words about an eligible child (a student between 6 and 18 who has a verifiable diagnosis of ADHS). Award: nine \$25,000 in each state. *Deadline:* 1/09/04

**Corvallis Ambassadors Scholarship-** For students applying to OSU and must be used for the 2004-05 school year. A 1000 word essay on participation in high school athletics and activities, honors and awards received, and future goals. *Deadline:* 5/10/04

**Cosa Youth Scholarship-** For high school seniors to be used at an Oregon College. Need a 3.5 GPA. Application and additional info at: [www.cosa.k12.or.us](http://www.cosa.k12.or.us) Award: \$1000. *Deadline:* 2/13/03

**Discover Card Tribute Award-** For juniors who are multi-talented and take a lead. Additional info at: [www.discovercard.com/tribute.htm](http://www.discovercard.com/tribute.htm) or [www.aasa.org/discover.htm](http://www.aasa.org/discover.htm) Award: nine \$25,000 in each state. *Deadline:* 1/09/04

**ER Jackman Foundation (OSU) Agricultural Honors Scholarship-** For incoming students entering the College of Agricultural Sciences at OSU or Eastern Oregon University. Award: \$1000 to 2000. *Deadline:* 2/01/04

**Imagine Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship-** For students pursuing an education and career in agriculture. More

test	test	registration deadline	late registration
SAT I & II	12/6/03	10/30/03	11/12/03
ACT	12/13/03	11/7/03	11/20/03
SAT I & II	1/24/04	12/22/03	12/31/04
ACT	2/7/04	1/2/04	1/16/04
SAT I	3/27/04	2/20/04	3/4/04
ACT	4/3/04	2/27/04	3/12/04
SAT I & II	5/1/04	3/25/04	4/7/04
SAT I & II	6/5/04	4/29/04	5/12/04
ACT	6/12/04	5/7/04	5/21/04

info at: [www.Monsanto.com](http://www.Monsanto.com) or [www.NAFB.com](http://www.NAFB.com) Award: \$1500. *Deadline:* 2/15/04

**JFK Profile in Courage Essay Contest-** An essay of less than 1000 words addressing a current elected public official in the US who is acting courageously to address a political issue at the local, state, national, or international level or an elected public official in the US since 1956 who has acted courageously to address a political issue at the local, state, national or international level. Award: 7 winners will receive awards totaling \$6500. *Deadline:* 1/10/04

**Kiwanis –** The Kiwanis Club of Corvallis honors four senior students of the quarter and 4 (2 of these from Fresh Start Program) most improved senior students during the year. To be so honored, the student must demonstrate well-rounded achievement in school and outside activities. Each Student of the Quarter award winner is considered for the Student

of the Year award, which includes a scholarship. There is one Student of the Year award for each high school. Applications available in Beyond CHS. *Deadline:* ongoing

**Laurel G. Case Pre-Med Scholarship-** For high school seniors who reside in Oregon, have over a 3.6 GPA, and wish to pursue a career in medicine. Award: three \$1500. *Deadline:* 2/01/04

**MENSA Education and Research Foundation-** An essay of 550 words describing your career, vocational or academic goals. Award: \$300 to \$1000. *Deadline:* 1/15/04

**National Art Honor Society Scholarships-** To apply for the Art Institutes Scholarship Competition, you must be a member of the National Art Honor Society and submit 6 slides of 6 different original artwork pieces. Information available at: [www.artinstitutes.edu](http://www.artinstitutes.edu) The Art Institutes have many locations throughout the country. Award: \$2500 to \$25,000. *Deadline:* 3/01/04

**Oregon Collectors Association Bob Hasson Memorial-** For Oregon high school seniors for use at any Oregon accredited school. Need to write a brief fictional essay on "The proper use of credit in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." More info at: [www.orcascholarshipfund.com](http://www.orcascholarshipfund.com) Award: \$1500 to \$3000. *Deadline:* 3/01/04

**Oregon Crop and Soil Science-** For incoming OSU freshmen majoring in crop and soil science. Award: two or more \$1000. *Deadline:* 2/01/04

**Oregon Pacific AHEC-** Hispanic Health Careers Scholarship. Various categories, awards and deadlines; for information and application visit: [www.oregonhealthcareers.org](http://www.oregonhealthcareers.org)

**OSU Federal Credit Union-** For high school seniors who are active TLT members of OSU Credit Union. Award: \$1000. *Deadline:* 1/30/04

**Pfizer Epilepsy Scholarship-** For high school seniors and college students. A brief essay about something you've dealt with as a person with epilepsy and two letters of recommendation (including 1 from his/her physician). More info at: [www.epilepsy-scholarship.com](http://www.epilepsy-scholarship.com) Award: sixteen \$3000. *Deadline:* 3/01/04

**SAE Engineering Scholarships-** For a high school senior who intends to earn a degree in engineering or related science. The application is for multiple undesignated scholarships and university sponsored scholarships. Additional info at: [www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm](http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm) Awards: \$1000 to \$10,000. *Deadline:* 12/01/03

**Society of Women Engineers-** For female high school seniors who live in the Willamette Valley and are planning to study engineering. Award: \$1000. *Deadline:* 1/1/6/04

**Toyota Community Scholars Program-** One student from the senior class may be nominated for this year's competition. This student must be in a service organization. Award: \$10,000 to \$20,000. *Deadline:* 12/05/03

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**Wish List: bandages, gauze pads, latex gloves, plastic bags and rubbing alcohol for the health room.**

## Why students transfer from CV to CHS

Corvallis School District is focused on continuous improvement and wants to meet the needs and desires of our students. In an effort to identify the reasons that a significant number of ninth graders from Crescent Valley have transferred to Corvallis High School for the past four years, a plan is underway. In mid-December, families of current ninth graders who transferred to CHS will receive a questionnaire. Students and parents will be asked to identify their reasons for transferring and provide information for consideration. On Monday, January 12, 2004, Cathi Alden, CV principal and Jay Conroy will facilitate a meeting with these families to further explore questions and concerns. The intention is to gather information that could lead to school improvement; it is not to encourage any student to return to Crescent Valley. Both principals and staffs are committed to mutual support for our high school aged students. Although this meeting is designed for current ninth grade families, others are welcome to attend or to contact Cathi Alden at Crescent Valley to share information (757-5762).

## Other opportunities

**Presidential Classroom-** A seven day program in Washington, D.C. Estimated cost \$1200 in addition to a \$125 nonrefundable deposit. Additional information at: [www.presidentialclassroom.org](http://www.presidentialclassroom.org) *Deadline:* 4/02/04

**Discovery Abroad-** A wide range of language school opportunities. Enroll for a short-term stay, semester or a year. Brochures are available at: Center for Cultural Interchange, 1-888-440-8750. Additional web information available at: [www.cci-exchange.com](http://www.cci-exchange.com)

## College search

There is a vast amount of college information on the World Wide Web. Most colleges and universities have web pages. In addition, there are college guides and financial aid information on-line. Here are a few sites to check into: using the Yahoo search engine, choose education, college entrance, indices-colleges and universities.

**Princeton Review** – Undergraduate Admissions. An on-line version of the best colleges. [http://www.review.com/undergr/best\\_colleges.html](http://www.review.com/undergr/best_colleges.html)

**Peterson's Education Center** – Undergraduate study. Provides general information on colleges and universities, including Canadian and International schools, as well as US schools. <http://www.petersons.com/ugrad/ugsector.html>

**CollegeNET** – Provides general information on colleges and universities, including Canadian schools as well as US schools. <http://www.collegenet.com>

**FinAID** – The Financial Aid information page. A good place to start researching financial aid. Provides links to many other sites. <http://www.finaid.org>

**Fast web** – Provides information on scholarships. <http://www.fastweb.com>

**College board** – Provides information on colleges. <http://www.collegeboard.org>

## Diploma reservations

Remind **seniors** to fill in their **diploma reservations** CORRECTLY, including middle names (no nicknames!), and turn them in to Cindy Gullede. Parents sometimes have different ideas about what should be on diplomas, so parents might want to be sure they are on the same page as their students!! Also-Cap, gown and announcement

orders are placed early in the year. The Jostens packet seniors receive includes the cap and gown orders, not just announcements. The orders need to be sent back in a timely manner to avoid last minute scrambling. The orders may be paid for at a later date.

## Spring break-France

There is still time to sign up for the trip to France over Spring Break 2004, but you should act soon. This is an educational tour for students, but adults are also welcome. We will be visiting Paris, the Alps, the Riviera, Provence, Carcassonne, the Loire Valley and Normandy. It's a 16-day trip. Please contact mary.langlois@corvallis.k12.or.us for details, or leave a message at 757-4494.

Information is available at <http://www2.corvallis.k12.or.us> (also on cable channel 28).

### Dates to remember

#### December

- 6 .....SAT
- 7 .....CYS Winter Concert, 3 PM, LaSells
- 10 ....Financial Aid Night, 7 PM, auditorium
- 11 ....Parent connection, noon, room 209
- 11 ....OPB college financial aid program, 9-10 PM, cable channel 10
- 12....Spartan Pride assembly
- 13....ACT
- 18....Reception for 2003 graduates, Beyond CHS, Rm 209, 1-2:30 PM
- 18....Winter music concert, 7:30 PM, auditorium
- 19....Winter music assembly
- 19 ....Site council ballots due by 3:30 PM
- December 20 – January 4...Winter Break

#### January

- 5 .....classes resume after winter break
- 8 .....Parent connection, noon, room 209
- 9 .....Dance
- 19....No school, non-contract day
- 24....SAT
- 27-28...Semester final exams, regular schedule

29-30...No school, teacher prep and professional development

#### February

- 7 .....ACT
- 18....Parent connection, 7 PM, staff lounge
- 21 ....CYS/Pink Martini concert, 8 PM, LaSells, advance tickets

#### March

- 11 ....Parent connection, noon, room 209
- 27-April 2...CHS hosts Nichidai High School exchange program

#### April

- 15....Parent connection, noon, room 209

#### May

- 13....Parent connection, noon, room 209

## Message policy

Telephone messages for students will be placed on the student's locker unless there is an emergency. This is to minimize class interruptions. Please remind your son or daughter in the morning before school of appointments during the day. Sorry,

and thank you for your patience and politeness towards our attendance office personnel.

Use the web to find out if you qualify for **Food Stamps** and other programs that offer assistance for families with children. Visit [www.oregonhelps.org](http://www.oregonhelps.org)

## happy holidays!

## Spartan athletes – congratulations!

OSAA recognizes our boys and girls cross country teams for their outstanding academics: Our girls varsity cross country team took 1<sup>st</sup> place in state this year with a perfect 4.0 team GPA...outstanding! Also, our boys varsity cross country team placed 6<sup>th</sup> in state with an impressive 3.72 team GPA.

Congratulations to the ambassador winners for the fall season:

**Boys Soccer** - Joey Muravez and Dane Conroy **Girl**  
**Boys Cross Country** - Brad Markle  
**Girls Cross Country** - Caroline Bee and Johanna Withrow -Robinson  
**Football** - Kurtis Magee, Jake Roy, Jerre Cover, Aaron McKimmey, Ryan Doty, and Billy Clontz

Congratulations to the all-league recipients for fall season:

#### Boys Soccer 1<sup>st</sup> team

Drew Chrostek  
Joey Muravez

#### Boys Soccer 2<sup>nd</sup> team

Luke Penner  
Justin Woodward

#### Girls Soccer 1<sup>st</sup> team

Kelli Cronkrite, Co-Player of the Year  
Anna Miller, Co-Player of the Year

Julie Arredondo  
Kaleigh Stubblefield

#### Girls Soccer 2<sup>nd</sup> team

Esme Arredondo  
Laura Morrison  
Bre Kerkvliet

#### Boys XCountry 1<sup>st</sup> team

Brad Markle

#### Volleyball

Kellyn Cooper, 3<sup>rd</sup> team

## New NHS members

On November 25 the Torch Chapter of National Honor Society at CHS welcomed new members to its ranks. New NHS members must have not only a high grade point average, but maintain high standards of character and community service.

#### Seniors:

Samantha Bonine  
Edyth Lee-Barnes  
Hannah Agnew -Svoboda Phillip Bozarth-Dreher

David Lev  
Scott Duncombe  
Abigail Gullerud  
Randal Hung  
Jay Markello  
Evan Thatcher

**Juniors:**

Katy Blaustein  
Ann Carey  
Sandra Freborg  
Brendon Gilbert  
Seth Hackett  
Russell Harmon  
Trevor Heald  
Sarah Heath  
Inbar Heyman  
Ben Jay  
Kelsey Kristosik  
Jacob Minne  
Katherine Peterson  
Lesley Peterson  
Colin Shear  
Kate Shreeve  
Jarren Simmons  
Whitney Smith  
Adriane Wai

Matthew Zabriskie

**Sophomores:**

Ian Anderson  
Kathryn Bailey  
Mara Bateman  
Carl Berg  
Sophie Berkman  
Zachary Bolte

David Brink-Roby  
John Chakerian  
Galen Clark  
Michelle Coskey  
Anna Dennis  
Sarah Devine  
Todd Duncombe  
Beth Dunfield  
Alexander Eason  
Mark Epstein  
Daniel Freilich  
Diana Garity  
Alison Gemperle

Ryan Gore  
Daniel Grant  
Sam Greenspan  
Joe Gullerud  
Kaylyn Harding  
Katherine Harris  
Lynn Hector  
Joanna Herron  
Katherine Hiatt  
Isaac Higgins  
Ariela House  
Sean Hunter  
Robert Ingle  
Claire Jencks  
David Jones  
Anne Kassman  
Brittany Kemper  
Geoffrey King  
Leah Klamkin  
Meredith Lawrence

Emily Liebeskind  
Dominique Lomax  
Megan Luh  
Rachel Mcevoy  
Sarah Mcrae  
Cara Mickelson  
Jenna Minard  
Daniel Myers  
Lev Parker  
Emma Penunuri  
Jean Plotkin  
Helen Potts  
Louis Prael  
Chloe Rahmun  
Janell Rice  
Theodore Richardson  
Tyler Rockey  
Lucia Rosenast  
Ari Sapon-White  
Kenzi Shelby  
Katherine Sherman  
Laura Skarda  
Tiffany Spaulding  
Maile Speakman  
Benjamin Stover  
Gillian Tobin  
Monica Truax  
Michael Weller  
Christopher Wendel  
Bridget Weymouth  
Anneka Wickramanayake  
Kiya Wilson  
Angela Yundt

## Gift idea: Spartan wear!

The Spart Mart, the Student Store, and Gift Shop are businesses operated by the CHS Small Business Management class for the benefit of the school. The students learn how to operate a business, and at the end of the year, profits are used to support CHS athletics. The Spart Mart, located in Room 101, offers a fine line of "Spartan wear" – sweat pants, sweatshirts (hooded or not), t-shirts, denim shirts, lanyards, hats, socks, and other items – for sale. Merchandise is available at some home athletic events. If you wish to purchase any of the Spart Mart's fine items at other times contact Ron Sather or ask in the main office.

## Electronic newsletter?

Communication does not come for free. It costs hundreds of dollars every time a newsletter like this is sent. We are hoping to reduce the cost of communication by offering our newsletter in electronic form. If enough of you sign up to receive an email notice and view our newsletter on the World Wide Web, we will be able to print out and send fewer newsletters. If you are willing to switch to an electronic newsletter, please contact the main office at 757-5871 or email [schmidtjanet@comcast.net](mailto:schmidtjanet@comcast.net)

## From Athletic Director **Bob Holt**

We have had a very successful fall sport season. As of this writing our football team is in the second round of the state playoffs, our girls soccer team made it to the final eight teams in the state playoffs, our boys soccer team advanced to the state playoffs, our cross country teams finished in the top half of the league and our volleyball team was much improved. The number of students involved in athletics was over 300. These are all things that we can feel good about.

The dark cloud on the horizon is our financial situation. You will receive a fundraising letter in the near future that outlines our position and need. I recognize how much all of you contribute in support of our programs to make it possible for us to have them and it is appreciated. Our hope is that we can reach outside of this support group. We are reaching out to anyone who can help us. I feel that one of our best chances is to appeal to our alumni base. If you can help us with any alumni group let me know.

We have had an excellent turnout for winter sports and eagerly look forward to the competitions. In the mean time I will be working towards fundraising to allow our spring sports programs to function. I thank you once again for all you have done for us in the past and ask you for your continued support. If you have a son or daughter who was involved in a fall sport be sure to fill out an evaluation form to help us improve our programs. I can be reached at 757-5920 or email me at [bob\\_holt@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:bob_holt@corvallis.k12.or.us).

## Plan ahead for sports

If you plan to participate in a sport this spring and have not participated in a fall or winter sport, please schedule a physical with your physician. This applies to those students who do not have a physical on file from last year. If you have any questions, please ask now. Don't wait until the last minute!

# Corvallis High School — December 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 ODD	2 EVEN	3 ODD	4 EVEN	5 ALL	6 SAT
7 CYS Winter Concert 3 PM LaSells	8 ODD	9 EVEN Parent Connection Noon, Rm 209	10 ODD Financial aid night 7 PM, CHS auditorium	11 EVEN OPB Financial Aid Program 9-10 PM	12 ALL Pride assembly	13 ACT
14	15 ODD	16 EVEN	17 ODD	18 EVEN Winter Concert auditorium 7:30	19 ALL Winter Music assembly <b>2003 grad reception</b> BCHS 1-2:30 PM <b>Site Council</b> ballots due by 3:30	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 WINTER	31 BREAK	1	2	3

# Corvallis High School — January 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 <b>WINTER</b>	31 <b>BREAK</b>	1	2	3
4	5 ODD	6 EVEN	7 ODD	8 EVEN Parent Connection Noon, Rm 209	9 ALL Dance	10
11	12 ODD	13 EVEN	14 ODD	15 EVEN	16 ALL	17
18	19 No School – non-contract day	20 EVEN	21 ODD	22 EVEN	23 ODD	24 SAT
25	26 ALL	27 EVEN Semester Finals regular schedule	28 ODD Semester Finals regular schedule	29 No School – teacher prep	30 No School – professional development	1

