



# Corvallis High School

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November 2003

## Principal's greeting

"Extended Learning Opportunities", "Extended Applications" –

Educators are notorious for attaching new labels to their work without helping their students/ parents to understand what's really happening. We are focusing a great deal of time and effort this coming school year on improving student learning by "extending" the academic content—"making it come alive," "giving it a real-life context." We know that students understand and retain facts and concepts when that material fits into a context they can relate to. Studying trout from a text is ok, but moving that study to a fish lab or to a stream will help students learn that material to greater depth and for a longer period of time. Or, studying the court system using a diagram in class is a start, but having students conduct a mock trial or visit an actual court proceeding will improve their learning immensely.

As a parent, you should look for those "extended" lessons in your student's classes. We will be working hard to build on quality examples and experiences that we know work well, not just giving "outside of class projects" that are ineffective.

"New CHS Update"-- We have received copies of the appellant's brief to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). No new issues were raised and the attorneys for the City and the School District will be responding to the arguments made. A decision from LUBA is expected in late November. Clearly, these proceedings are making it more and more unlikely that the building will be on schedule for Fall '05 opening. The district is committed to doing the new building and doing it well. Stay tuned for more updates.

Congratulations, Betsy Berg!—The Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association has named Betsy Berg, CHS Marine Science and Horticulture teacher, to receive the NW Region Education Award. Betsy has been instrumental in bringing a fish lab experience to CHS students. She has her students participating in field studies with Oregon Trout and Salmon Watch and recently has worked with the City of Corvallis to apply for funds to build a stream monitoring station on Dixon Creek, adjacent to CHS. Betsy will receive a \$500 stipend with her award to use towards an educational project of her choice. We're grateful to Betsy for her tireless energy, her high expectations for kids and her efforts at making meaningful connections for her students.

Parent Conferences—Useful or not? By the time you read this note we will have conducted our Fall conferences with parents. This involves teachers meeting for two days (two evenings and one long afternoon) with parents about students' performance. We do this twice each year and believe that it has much to offer parents, staff and students. But, we also know that four days of classroom instruction are given up to make it happen. We're looking for you input—do you think conferences are valuable and effective. We'll be asking for input from parents who attend, but would welcome your input if you have thoughts and didn't get an opportunity to give us input. Drop us a note or email us.

Good sports!! – We're especially proud of the performance of our student athletes this fall and the behavior of their fans, as well. Our teams have worked hard, competed with great energy and focus and displayed consistently good attitudes toward their opponents and fans. Teamwork, respect, good preparation, hard work and healthy competition are life skills and life-experiences that will help students be productive, positive workers and citizens for years to come. Thanks to the coaches and to the parents for their leadership.

Thanks for your support and feedback. – Jay Conroy

## 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 or Linda Alderman in the main office.

**Requests for the Pass/No Pass grading option for first semester are due by November 14. Come to the counseling center to pick up a request form.**

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## Progress reports

The nine weeks grading period ends Nov. 7, after fall conferences. First quarter progress reports will be sent home by hand with each student the week of November 17.

**Parents, please turn in your senior baby ads! There is still room! Make checks payable to CHS Yearbook. If you have any questions call the CHS office at 757-5871.**

## 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.

## HP matching gift programs

Beginning November 5, 2003, 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. On November 5, 2003, 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.

## Site Council

CHS Site Council needs parent members. The Site Council will meet once each month from 330 - 530 (approx.) beginning January. It is composed of CHS staff, students and parents and is responsible for serving as a sounding board for the CHS community focusing on School Improvement and Staff Development. (For the last 18 months the Site Council has been dormant, its energies directed to the design of the New CHS Building.) Parents are encouraged to self-nominate or to nominate others. Please complete the form below and **return it to CHS by November 17** for inclusion in the December newsletter. Voting will be conducted using the December newsletter and ballots available at the main office. Questions—contact Jay Conroy, 757-5871 or ([jay.conroy@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:jay.conroy@corvallis.k12.or.us))

### Corvallis High School Site Council Application

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name and year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Reward for return TI 83+ Silver Edition

My name is Kyle Levien and I am a freshman at CHS this year. On Sunday, Sept 28, my dad and I went to Office Max and bought a graphing calculator with the money I had earned this last summer working at OSU and doing odd jobs. I really liked my new TI-83+ *Silver Edition*. On Wednesday, October 1, three days later, after Mr. Corliss's B block class, I packed my stuff up and walked to my next class, which was in the Tech. bldg. When taking stuff out of my backpack I couldn't find my calculator! In a panic, I completely emptied my backpack and found a large hole in the corner of the section where my calculator had been.

It appears that someone picked it up. I have appealed to students, put up signs, and made announcements. If you have any information, please contact Mr. Locey, CHS Dean of Students, or the main office.

CHS reminds students to engrave or make some kind of mark on their electronic equipment for identification. You are encouraged to leave valuables at home. Examples: CD players, walkmans, and large amounts of money. If it's necessary to bring valuables to school, check them in at the main office.

## 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.

## 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 Gulledege or Jan Walker immediately.

## "Adopt a Book"

Because funds for library materials were drastically reduced this year we are asking

for help. We would like to first thank the wonderful Franklin parents and others who have provided many magazine subscriptions for the CHS library. This will help to replace the majority of the subscriptions that were lost.

Please look for the "Adopt a Book Program" table at parent teacher conferences. We are in great need of maintaining materials for student research. A bookplate bearing the donor's name will be placed inside each book donated to CHS.

**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 Beyond CHS 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 help financially 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.

## Beyond CHS news

Beyond CHS has an account with the **Corvallis School District Foundation**. Your tax-deductible dollars 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.

**Under federal law, virtually all men must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.** However, the Selective Service System now accepts early submission of registration information by 17-year-old men. The Agency holds their registration information and automatically enters their data into the system when they turn 18. The easiest way to register is on-line at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)

A big thank you to the proctors who helped with the **PSAT** administration on Saturday, October 18. A record 251 students sat for the PSAT. Scores should be returned to CHS by the third week of December and will be given back to the students at that time. Students will be informed by an announcements that there is a meeting during the lunch hour to receive scores from their counselors.

**Military:** The Army recruiter will visit Beyond CHS on November 5 and November 19 at 12:50. The National Guard recruiter will visit on November 12 at 12:50, and the Air Force recruiter on November 4 at 12:50.

November		
1	noon-3 PM	Mid Willamette PNACAC College Fair, Lane Community College
3	9:30	Northern Arizona
3	1:35	Randolph Macon College of Women
4	9:30	University of Colorado-Boulder
4	11:15	Gonzaga University
4	1:35	Reed College
5	11:15	St. Mary's College
5	1:35	Occidental
6	9:30	Willamette College
7	11:15	Brandeis University
7 & 8	9 AM - 1 PM	Portland College Fair at the Oregon Convention Center
12	11:15	Haverford College

I highly recommend that students and parents go to Oregon State (it's right here in town) and take their campus tour. It really doesn't matter if you are interested in Oregon State or not. What it does is get you on a campus, you will hear what OSU has to offer, you will see the facilities, etc. Then when you go to another campus, say Willamette or UO, you will be able to compare, ask more specific questions, look at the facilities differently, etc. You will also learn from other parents and students on the tour. OSU campus tours are offered M,T,Th,F from 9-4 and W from 9-3. They are offered every hour on the hour and housing tours are offered at 11:00 and 1:00. Their number is 737-2626. They also offer Saturday visits starting at 10:00, on February 22, March 15, April 26 and May 17. **Beaver Open House day is Saturday, November 8.** Really don't want to take a campus tour of OSU? - then call the individual colleges and universities that interest you and arrange for a visit.

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

There are exceptions, come to Beyond CHS and talk with the many volunteers who are here to help students.

**The Portland National College Fair** will be held at the Oregon Convention Center, Friday, November 7 from 9-1:00 PM. and Saturday, November 8 from 9-1:00 PM. This is an excellent opportunity for sophomores and juniors to meet with representatives of colleges throughout the United States. For a listing of colleges go to [www.nacac.com](http://www.nacac.com)

**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.

**An information session** for Bucknell University, Emory University, University of Richmond, and Washington and Lee University will be at Saint Mary's Academy on Monday, November 10 from 7-9 PM. The address is : Saint Mary's Academy, Performing Arts Center, 1615 SW 5th Avenue, Portland.

**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.

**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 your schools, students are responsible for getting everything to colleges they apply to.

**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)

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

**Corvallis High School Preschool is NOW accepting preschoolers** between 3-5 years old. We meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM. Please call Kristen Hackethorn for more information 757-3904.

## Scholarships and awards

Applications available in Beyond CHS

**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

**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 "unproduced" one-act play. Award: \$75-\$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 Essay Contest-** Essay topic: How can we build bridges of understanding through commitment and service to humanity? 450 words or less. Additional info available at <http://www.fourchaplains.org> Award: \$300 to \$1000. *Deadline:* 11/14/03

**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

**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:* 1/9/04

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

**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,

test	test	registration deadline	late registration
SAT I & II	11/1/03	9/26/03	10/8/03
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

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

**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-\$25,000. *Deadline:* 3/01/04

**Oregon Pacific AHEC-** Hispanic Health Careers Scholarship. Various categories,

awards and deadlines; for information and application visit:  
[www.oregonhealthcareers.org](http://www.oregonhealthcareers.org)

**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

**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-\$20,000. *Deadline:* 12/05/03

**Voice of Democracy Scholarship Contest-** For students 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. This year's theme is "My Commitment to America's Future." Contestants write and record a 3 to 5 minute essay. Full contest details at: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) Award: 1<sup>st</sup> place winner receives an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., and the opportunity to compete for national. The national winner receives \$25,000 scholarship. *Deadline:* 11/01/03

**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:* 11/14/03 or 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.

## Washington D.C. trip

An informational meeting for students and parents interested in a trip to Washington D.C. March 14-20 will be held on Thursday, November 6 in Room 201 at 6:30 PM. Please come to hear about this exciting opportunity to travel to our nation's capitol and learn first-hand about our government. If you are unable to attend the

meeting, please contact Sarah Gates Theurer at [Sarah.Gates@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:Sarah.Gates@corvallis.k12.or.us) or 757-3825.

## Summer-Costa Rica

Ms. Kiekel and Mrs. Harlan are planning a trip for students to Costa Rica this summer. Students will go for their choice of either 2 or 3 weeks. All students will live with families (one student per family) and therefore will have LOTS of opportunities to put to use the Spanish they have learned in high school. We will also do some traveling and sight seeing daily and on the weekends. For more information please attend our informational meeting on Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 PM in Room H20.

**The Uzhgorod exchange program has been extended to November 14 and the price with some good fundraising will hopefully come in at around \$1500. Applications are available in Beyond CHS**

## Explore with AFS

Understanding other people and their cultures is as important today as it was in 1947 when the AFS high school exchange program was established by the American Field Service ambulance drivers of World Wars I and II. Since 1960, 151 Corvallis students have lived with families and attended schools in 42 nations. Explore the many international opportunities listed in the new 2004-2005 AFS Intercultural Programs Catalog. Choose from a wide variety of programs available in 45 countries: year, semester and summer. Some involve community service, the environment, arts/culture and language study. AFS offers interim opportunities for students 18 and over. Some semester and year winter departure '04 programs are available. Apply early for the best selection. Partial scholarships are available. For an AFS catalog, contact Linda Keller in the Corvallis High School Counseling Center or visit Beyond CHS. To receive further information and an admission packet, contact Alan Muhl, 757-1502 or 800-AFS-INFO.



Gullede at CHS for \$20 each. **Volunteers:** The Senior All Night Party will be held after

graduation in June, and relies on parents to chaperone and help with specific activities. It takes nearly all parents to ensure a successful party. We ask that everyone volunteer in some way. We know this will be a busy time, but this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to share a milestone with your graduate. In addition to helping at the party, volunteers are needed to help with decorations and other party preparations. The earlier you sign up the more choices you have regarding times and activities. To volunteer, contact Barbara Swain at 752-4827 or Lynn Dickson at 757-6608.

## Songs & words of war

In honor of all veterans, the premiere performance of "Songs and Words of the Wars" will be presented at Corvallis High School, 836 NW 11<sup>th</sup> Street, on Sunday November 9, at 2 PM, and on Tuesday, November 11, at 7:30 PM. The cast will include the Corvallis Community Band, Hilltop Big Band, the combined concert choirs of Corvallis and Crescent Valley high schools and much more.

The production features music from each war, commencing with the Revolutionary War, as well as narration from historical documents such as the Declaration of Independence and Gettysburg Address, poems, letters from soldiers and special ceremonies honoring veterans. The production is presented by Corvallis High School, Corvallis School District 509J and Robert Mix, and is sponsored by the Law Offices of Ronald Marek & Associates.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for high school and college students. Seating is open (not reserved). Commencing October 29 tickets will be sold at Gracewinds Music, Rice's Pharmacy and Westminster House and at the door. Net proceeds will be dedicated to the feeding of disadvantaged school children. For handicap access information phone Robert Mix at 757-2890.

## 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.

French students of the month for September were: **Mara Bateman, Ariella House, Jenna Sullivan, Ruby Arbogast and Crystal Peck.** Thanks for all your hard work!

### Dates to remember

#### November

- 1..... SAT
- 3..... Winter sports practice begins
- 4..... Band concert, 7:30 PM, auditorium
- 5..... Info mtg on Costa Rica trip, 7 PM, Room H20
- 6..... Info mtg on Washington DC trip, 6:30 PM, Room 201
- 6..... Orchestra concert, 7:30 PM, CV
- 7..... 1<sup>st</sup> quarter ends
- 7 & 8...Portland College Fair, 9-1 PM
- 8..... Beaver Open House, OSU
- 9..... Songs & Words of War concert, 2 PM, auditorium
- 10-11...No school
- 11 ... Songs & Words of War concert, 7:30 PM, auditorium
- 12 ... Boys' basketball parents meeting, 7:30-9 PM, cafeteria
- 13 ... Parent connection, noon, room 209
- 13 ... Fall Sports Dessert, 7 PM, auditorium
- 14 ... P/NP grade option deadline
- 17 ... Site Council self-nominations due
- 18 ... Girls' basketball parents meeting, 6-7 PM, cafeteria

- 20.... Winter sports team photos during
- 25.... P/NP induction, 7 PM, auditorium
- 27-28...No school
- December**
- 6 .....SAT
- 11....Parent connection, noon, room 209
- 13....ACT

## 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.

## Bob Holt, athletic director

The fall season has been very interesting. As in the past we have had a very good turnout for athletic teams with over 300 students involved in soccer, volleyball, cross country and football. Our success on the field has been exceptional with our girls soccer team winning the league title, our boys soccer team in the middle of a tight race for a playoff position and our football team, assured of a winning season for the first time in years, in position to be in the playoffs. The cross country teams are looking forward to the district meet to find out who will advance to the state meet and our volleyball team has improved on last year's record. The girls cross country team achieved the high grade point average of any cross country team in the state with a perfect 4.0 based on grades the prior semester. I am not sure that we can claim that running made them smarter but it's great to have athletes who bring meaning to the term student athlete.

As I look at our situation financially it becomes more and more apparent how much we depend on you for your support both financially and in your commitment of time. Our programs would not exist without all that you, our volunteers and parents bring to them. I thank you for making it possible for Corvallis High to have the programs we have. We will have to do some major fundraising to provide the resources to complete the year. This is something that no one looks forward to. It's difficult to ask for more when you have already given so much. We have some ideas regarding how this will be done but are always open to your thoughts.

An evaluation form for our athletic programs is included in this newsletter. If you have a son or daughter who has taken part in a fall sport, please take a few minutes to complete the form and return it to the athletic office to the attention of Bob Holt. We want to do all that we can to provide quality programs and your feedback is an important part of the evaluation process.

In looking forward to the winter sports season. We will be faced with many challenges but that is what life is all about so we roll up our sleeves and jump in. I am excited for our athletes because of the opportunities you have afforded them to compete in athletics. My door is almost always open so feel free to stop in and share your thoughts. I teach a block of math everyday and have various meetings to attend so to make sure you reach me call and set up a time. My number is 757-5920. Thanks again for your great support.

sport	coach
Boys Basketball	Deon Johnson
Girls Basketball	Scott Lasswell
Wrestling	Ron Sather
Swimming	Judy Storie
Skiing	Andy and Kati Laird

**Spartan sports:** CHS winter sports practice season begins Monday, November 3.

If you are interested in participating in a winter sport, but have not been "cleared," please stop by the Activities

Office. Fees are \$150, excepting Ski Team. If you have questions regarding Ski Team, please call Tom Birdseye at 752-9837.

For those new to Spartan sports, varsity and junior varsity Boys' and Girls' Basketball games are played in the CHS large gym, Freshman Basketball games are played in the upper gym. Cost of admission to games is \$5 for adults, and \$2 for students under high school age.

**Fall sports dessert:** The fall sport's dessert will be held Thursday, Nov. 13 in the CHS auditorium starting at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome. Parents should bring a dessert to feed about eight and drop off in the cafeteria. Hope to see everyone there. Thank you for your support. GO SPARTS!!

**Winter sports parent meetings:** \*\*Parent meetings are helpful, especially for parents new to the program. Please attend!

**Girls Basketball,** Tuesday, Nov. 18, in the cafeteria from 6 to 7 PM.

**Boys Basketball,** Wednesday, Nov. 12, in the cafeteria from 7:30 to 9 PM.

**Winter sports pictures:** will be taken during practice on Thursday, November 20. Hise Studio will be taking team and individual photos. Athletes **do not** need to bring money for their professional order. Proofs will be mailed to each athlete at their home and orders can be made after seeing the picture. Anyone wanting to order Booster Buttons needs to fill out the half sheet and **pay Nov. 20 during the time of pictures.** Checks can be made out to CHS Booster Club. The cost of each Booster Button is \$3.00. This is a great way to support Booster Club and your athlete in this "fun" raiser. Please have order forms filled out before picture day. Coaches will be giving order forms to athletes during practice sometime during the week of November 17.

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

## CHS Ski team

The Corvallis High School Downhill Ski Team has been around for many years, and is always looking for new skiers of any skill level to come join in the experience. Whether you snow plow or zoom down the slopes, we would love you to contact us to see if this could be the place for you. CHS Ski Team is a great place to learn to ski and improve your skills, become a part of a diverse, close-knit student community, ski affordably, be competitive, and, of course, have fun! If you think this could be a good match for you or someone you know, feel free to contact team parent Tom Birdseye at [birdseye@proaxis.com](mailto:birdseye@proaxis.com), or student skier Karen Hudson at [miles\\_the\\_snail@hotmail.com](mailto:miles_the_snail@hotmail.com) or (541) 760-8429. We would be glad to answer any questions and provide you with information regarding upcoming team meetings and activities.

## 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.

## 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)

*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)*

## Daily bell schedule

This year's daily bell schedule follows. Classes are 95 minutes in length. One-credit classes meet either on odd days (usually Monday/Wednesday) or on even days (usually Tuesday/Thursday) for 95 minutes; most Fridays all class periods meet for 45 minutes.

2002-2003 CHS daily class schedule			
Odd/ Even		All	
A Block	7:40-9:15	1 <sup>st</sup> period	7:40-8:25
		2 <sup>nd</sup> period	8:30-9:15
<b>break 9:15 – 9:25</b>			

B Block	9:30-11:05	3 <sup>rd</sup> period	9:30-10:15
		4 <sup>th</sup> period	10:20- 11:05
<b>break 11:05-11:15</b>			
C Block	11:15- 12:50	5 <sup>th</sup> period	11:15- 12:00
		6 <sup>th</sup> period	12:05- 12:50
<b>lunch 12:50 – 1:30</b>			
D Block	1:35-3:10	7 <sup>th</sup> period	1:35-2:20
		8 <sup>th</sup> period	2:25-3:10

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> ODD	<b>28</b> EVEN Spartan Pride Assembly <b>Choir Concert</b> auditorium 7:30 PM	<b>29</b> ALL Conferences	<b>30</b> <b>No School</b> Conferences	<b>31</b> <b>No School</b> teacher prep	<b>1</b> SAT
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> ODD Winter sports practice begins	<b>4</b> EVEN <b>Band Concert</b> 7:30 PM, auditorium	<b>5</b> ODD Informational meeting on <b>Costa Rica trip</b> 7 PM, Rm H20	<b>6</b> EVEN Informational meeting on <b>Washington DC trip</b> 6:30 PM, Rm 201  <b>CHS/CV Orchestra</b> Concert, 7:30 PM, CV	<b>7</b>  first quarter ends	<b>8</b>  Beaver Open House - OSU
<b>9</b>  Songs & Words of War 2 PM, auditorium	<b>10</b>  No School teacher prep	<b>11</b>  No School Veteran's Day  Songs & Words of War 7:30 PM, auditorium	<b>12</b> ODD second quarter begins  Boys' BB parent meeting 7:30- 9 PM, cafeteria	<b>13</b> EVEN Parent Connection noon, Room 209  Fall Sports Dessert 7 PM, auditorium	<b>14</b> ALL  P/NP change form deadline	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> ODD  Site Council self- nominations due	<b>18</b> EVEN (advisor schedule)  Girls' BB parent meeting 6-7 PM, cafeteria	<b>19</b> ODD	<b>20</b> EVEN  Winter sports team photos during practice	<b>21</b> ALL	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> ODD	<b>25</b> EVEN  NHS Induction 7 PM, auditorium	<b>26</b> ALL	<b>27</b>  No School Thanksgiving Holiday	<b>28</b>  No School non-contract day	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						

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30	<b>1</b> ODD	<b>2</b> EVEN	<b>3</b> ODD	<b>4</b> EVEN	<b>5</b> ALL	<b>6</b> SAT
7	<b>8</b> ODD	<b>9</b> EVEN Parent Connection Noon, Rm 209	<b>10</b> ODD Financial aid night CHS - Aud	<b>11</b> EVEN	<b>12</b> ALL Pride assembly	<b>13</b> ACT
14	<b>15</b> ODD	<b>16</b> EVEN	<b>17</b> ODD	<b>18</b> EVEN Winter Concert- aud- 7:30	<b>19</b> ALL Winter Music assembly	<b>20</b>
21	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
28	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	1	2	3

