



# Corvallis High School

a tradition of excellence; preparation for the future

October 2003

## Principal's greeting

First, let me say sincerely and gratefully, we're off to an unbelievably positive start at CHS. In the classroom and in activities great kids are working with teachers and coaches with a focus and attitude that has really been impressive. Thank you parents and students for "stepping up" in the face of some daunting class sizes and funding shortfalls to give your best efforts. A special thanks to teachers, new and returning, for your enthusiasm and efforts.

**Budget news** – The legislature's best efforts will (if the surtax is allowed to stand) bring classes to about the same spot as last year and will fund sports, activities, supplies and copying at a level just below last year (which were already at drastically cut levels). That means 35 students/class, \$150 sports fees, no new books, no field trips, and administrators' pay freeze.

The local income tax **ballot measure** either must have had elements that need to be changed or the economic times are not right. From my perspective, **the need for more stable funding is huge**. We in the district need to commit to listening for local options that will address those needs, while addressing voters' concerns around trust and proper use of those funds. Please take time to talk with school board members or the superintendent to help us find a solution.

... **but for now** we need your direct help immediately. The CHS budget for this school year reflects our commitment to: 1) holding down class numbers as much as possible; 2) maintaining course offerings across departments; 3) offering valuable co-curricular activities at as low a fee as possible; and 4) keeping our school safe and welcoming for all students who are ready to work. We have cut **supplies** and **copying** by 50-80%. No money is budgeted for student **field trips** or **staff development**, only pennies on the dollar for **text** and **library** book replacement (forget new purchases), and outdated **technology** that we scrambling to borrow and beg in order to maintain. **Please** consider giving to CHS through the **Foundation** (see article on page 2).

**Building news** – the LUBA appeal looks to be final in November. We expect to prevail and move ahead with bids. Construction could start as soon as early 2004. If there are more appeals, stay tuned. Our district is committed to building the high school, tearing down the old structure and completing site work as quickly and painlessly as possible. Thanks for your words of support.

**Numbers and quality new staff** – We are buoyed this fall by the strong showing of community support for our programs based on the number of students choosing to attend CHS, especially those students enrolling from out of district and part-time from home school. We welcome those students and are proud of the quality of experiences we can give them at CHS. They do not represent a financial drain, but, in fact, bring state funding (even for part-time students) to the district and CHS.

Finally, we can tell you that our new staff members are simply outstanding. They are professional, motivated, and effective in dealing with the challenges of a new set of classes and students. Please take the opportunity to come see them during open house and conferences this fall.

Keep those calls and letters coming and, as always, thanks for the chance to work with your children.  
Jay Conroy, Principal

## Parent conferences

Join us Wednesday evening, October 29, and Thursday, October 30, when parents have the opportunity to conference with teachers in the large gym for scheduled appointments and drop-in conferences. OSAT test scores will be distributed.

Conferences with teachers are limited to 10 minutes. Call 757-5871 after October 1 to schedule appointments with teachers. Parent volunteers are needed to help, call parent volunteer Kathleen Muravez 752-8708 or Linda Alderman 757-5872. Check [www2.corvallis.k12.or.us](http://www2.corvallis.k12.or.us) for part-time teacher and coach availability.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 conference schedule	
5:00 – 6:45 PM	Drop-in conferences
7:00 – 8:00 PM	<b>scheduled</b> conferences
Thursday, Oct. 30 conference schedule	
12:00 – 2:30 PM	Drop-in conferences
3:00 – 4:30 PM	<b>scheduled</b> conferences
<b>4:30 – 5:15 PM</b>	<b>dinner for staff – no conferences</b>
5:15 – 6:45 PM	Drop-in conferences
7:00 – 8:00 PM	<b>scheduled</b> conferences
Friday, October 31 NO CONFERENCES	

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## Progress reports

The nine weeks grading period ends Nov. 7, after fall conferences. Consequently, progress reports will not be available at conferences this year. The first quarter progress report will be sent home the week of November 17. Students will hand-carry them home.

## Seniors

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

**If you did not receive your 2003-2004 School Year Calendar and Handbook you may pick one up in the main office.**

## Budget shortfall

### "How can we help CHS?"

Give tax-deductible donations directly to CHS through the **Corvallis Public Schools Foundation (CPSF)**. If you'd like, you can specifically designate a program or department to receive your donation. Or, just designate "CHS" and we will use your donation to cover those programs and areas in greatest need.

The CPSF accepts cash, check, gifts of stock, Visa/MC/American Express, and planned gifts. The Foundation also has the capability to **deduct monthly donations from a checking or savings account**.

Your gift can be mailed to: Corvallis Public Schools Foundation, P.O. Box 3509J, 1555 SW 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Corvallis, OR 97339-3509, or call 757-5857.

School-Based Programs are listed in the table at the right.

Departments:	Co-curricular Activities:
Business	Baseball
Computer	Basketball
English	Cheerleading
Arts	Cross-country
Family/Cons. Studies	Football
Health	Golf
Indust. Technol.	Soccer
Math	Softball
Music	Swimming
PE	Tennis
Science	Track
Languages	Volleyball
Social Studies	
Yearbook	
Newspaper	<b>Other:</b>
<b>Programs:</b>	"CHS – General"
Alternative Education	Drama
ESL	Field Trips
Counseling	Library
School to Work/ Beyond CHS	Technology

## College music programs

The Music faculty and students of Lane Community College are hosting College Day on Friday, October 10, the state wide In-Service day. This event provides an opportunity for high school seniors from the area to investigate music programs of various colleges from around Oregon. Representatives will be available in the Department of Music Dance & Theatre Arts from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The following schools will be represented: Eastern Oregon University, University of Oregon, Portland State University, Marylhurst University, Lane Community College, Oregon State University, and Western Oregon University. Lane Community College is located at 4000 East 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene, OR 97405. For information phone (541) 463-3000.

## Parking and pick-up tips

Students and parents should be 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.

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):

- **Please do not drop off (or pick up) students in the parking lot in front of the main entrance to CHS!** 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. **Parking in the front lot is limited to staff.**
- 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**.

**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.

## GPA weighting for advanced classes

Starting this year for Valedictorian/Salutatorian selection purposes only, AP classes and College Writing will be weighted in the following manner:

A = 5.0 points                      B = 4.0 points                      C = 3.0 points

Copies of the entire Valedictorian/Salutatorian selection process are available in the office.

**The Senior Ads for the yearbook are due by October 3.** Turn the completed forms and photos into the CHS main office. The forms were mailed out with the registration packets in August. Forms are available in the CHS Counseling Center. If you have any questions, the phone number in the yearbook office is 757-3810.

## 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.

## Wanted:

Charlyn Ellis is looking for tutors to work on reading with English Workshop this semester during A block from 7:30 until 8:30 AM, Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. Training will be provided. She would also like donations of quality paperbacks for the classroom – anything you enjoyed reading. "Trash" is fine and so are the classics. Books your high school students loved would be the best!

## Dance information

Dances begin after the game and ends at 11:15 PM. Students must present photo ID card to be admitted. Once you leave the dance, you will NOT be permitted to return. Slam dancing is not permitted. A student can bring NO MORE than 1 guest. Guests from other schools must be on a guest list. There will be NO guest sign ups after Thursday @ 3:30 PM. No guests over 19 will be admitted. No middle school students will be admitted.

## Parent connection

Join us for Parent Connection this month, Monday, October 20 at 7:00 PM in the staff lounge. Jay Conroy will speak on "Challenges in Education." There will also be an update on budgets and any current information on the new CHS building. This is a great opportunity to get to know Jay. The evening meeting will be followed by monthly noon meetings in Beyond CHS (room 209) on November 13, December 11, January 8, February 18 will be an evening meeting at 7:00 PM, then again noon meetings on March 11, April 15, and May 13.

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

## Picture retakes

Lifetouch picture re-takes will be Wednesday October 15 from 7:40-10:00 AM in the small gym. Students will be reminded in the daily announcements the week before. Please return picture packets at this time.

# Beyond CHS news

Did you know that Beyond CHS has an account with the Corvallis School District Foundation. Your tax deductible dollars would be greatly appreciated and will support purchasing of new books, supplies, professional development, equipment for the room, and other expenses. See the article on page 2 for more details.

**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.

October		
1	9:30	Northwest Christian College
3	8:30 AM	Hawaii Pacific
6	9:30	Harvard
7	9:30	OUS visit – all juniors and seniors attend
8	1:35	University of Portland
8	7-9 PM	Vanderbilt University at Jesuit High School, 9000 SW Beaverton Highway, Portland
9	11:15	St. Olaf
9	7-9 PM	Portland Performing and Visual Arts College Fair, Oregon Convention Center
14	9:30	Scripps College
15	all day	Health Career Day 2003, Oregon Convention Center, see Nancy in BCHS
15	1:35	Oregon State University
16	11:15	Lewis & Clark College
16	1:30 PM	Trinity Western University
16	7-9 PM	Princeton University – at the Portland Marriott Downtown
17	9:30	Pacific Lutheran
20	9:30	Western Oregon University
20	11:15	Harvey Mudd College
20	1:30	Colorado State University
21	11:15	Mt. Holyoke
22	9:30	ITT Technical Institute
22	11:15	Oberlin College
23	11:15	Pomona
23	1:35	Whitman College
24	9:30	Seattle University
24	11:15	Seattle Pacific
27	9:30	University of Puget Sound
27	1:35	Linfield College
28	9:30	Evergreen State College
29	TBA	Dartmouth
November		
1	noon-3 PM	Mid Willamette PNACAC College Fair, Lane Community College
3	9:30	Northern Arizona
4	11:15	Gonzaga University
5	11:15	St. Mary's College
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	1:35	Haverford College

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.

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute** will be at the Marriott City Center, 520 Southwest Broadway, Portland, OR on **October 19** at 7:00 PM for an informational evening. You may register to attend online at [222.2pi.du/+admissions](http://222.2pi.du/+admissions)

**Claremont McKenna College** will be in Eugene on **October 21** – 9:00 AM at Churchill and 1:30 at Sheldon, and in Salem on **October 30** – 8:00 AM at South Salem, 9:15 AM at McKay, and 11:00 at Sprague. CHS students are welcome to attend but should call the school first.

**Notes from Nancy:** A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped at College Planning Night.

Every year students and parents ask me about going on **college visits**. My one recommendation for students is that they get on a college campus (at least one) and take the tour and look at the living arrangements. October 10 and October 30 and 31 are nonschool days. These would be good days to get in a tour or two around Oregon. Of course right now, most seniors think they are going out of state, but by April that will change for many.

Therefore, 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 October 7, all Oregon University schools will be at CHS as well as LBCC and military personnel. For graduation, students are required to earn a .25 credit each year in career development. All juniors and seniors are required to go to this presentation. They may pick three schools OR branches of military to visit that morning.

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.

**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 nonbinding. 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.

**PSAT:** The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) will be held on Saturday morning, October 18. Students should report to CHS at 9:00 AM. Room assignments will be posted on the front door of CHS the night before. Please be sure that your student reads the PSAT brochure. Calculators are allowed and number 2 pencils are required. Students must sign up in advance in Beyond CHS. The cost is \$15, payable to CHS. Alternative arrangements can be made for religious conflicts; talk to Nancy Shaffer. This test provides practice for the SAT, but also will be used as the basis for the 2005 National Merit Scholarship awards. It's important! Preference is given to juniors.

test	test	registration deadline	late registration
SAT I & II	10/11/03	9/9/03	9/13/03
ACT	10/25/03	9/19/03	10/3/03
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

## Corvallis Sister Cities Association

# Corvallis-Uzhgorod youth exchange

The Corvallis Sister Cities Association is now accepting applications for a summer Youth Exchange between high school juniors from Corvallis and our Sister City, Uzhgorod, Ukraine. We are seeking youth who are interested in a cross-cultural experience involving community service work in the communities of Corvallis and Uzhgorod. Applications are due October 15 and are available in Beyond CHS, Room 209. Travel timetable is June 17-July 9. Approximate cost is \$2500 and CHS exchange students will be responsible for hosting a Ukrainian student during their Corvallis stay. If you need further information, please contact Catherine Mumaw at 753-0359.

## Scholarships and awards

Applications available in Beyond CHS

**Coca Cola Scholars-** For current seniors with a 3.0 GPA, who show leadership, civic and other extracurricular activities and academic achievement. Applications available at: [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org) Very competitive. Award: \$4000-\$20,000.

*Deadline:* 10/31/03

**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

**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

**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

## Use the web for your 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>

## Spring break in France

There is still time to sign up for the TRIP TO FRANCE over spring break 2004. The deadline to sign up is December 1. This 16-day educational tour of France goes from Paris, to the Alps, the Riviera, Provence, Normandy and more. For information please contact [mary.langlois@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:mary.langlois@corvallis.k12.or.us) Adults and students are welcome.

## College fair

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)

### Dates to remember

#### October

7 .....Oregon University System visit – 9:30 AM, required for juniors and seniors

7 .....DestinationImagiNation sign-up, 7 PM, Cheldelin Middle School cafeteria

9 .....Homecoming assembly & game

10 ...No school, statewide inservice day

11 ...SAT

11 ...Homecoming dance

15 ...Lifetouch picture retakes

18 ...PSAT

20 ...Parent connection, 7 PM, staff lounge

22 ...Band concert, 7:30 PM auditorium

25 ...ACT

28 ...Choir concert, 7:30 PM auditorium

29 ...Parent conferences, 5-8 PM

30 ...Parent conferences, 12-4:30, 5:15-8 PM

30 & 31...No school

#### November

7 & 8...Portland College Fair, 9-1 PM (see article above)

8 .....Beaver Open House, OSU

13 ...Parent connection, noon, room 209

#### December

11 ...Parent connection, noon, room 209

**CHS SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY**

Tickets for the senior all night party are available from Cindy 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

## Explore the world 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.

## Costa Rica summer trip

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 at CHS.

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

## School-to-career

Advisor Information: Tuesday, September, 30 will be our first Advisor. Students will be receiving information on rights & responsibilities and safety issues, electing the Freshmen class officers, and nominating student council reps. Seniors will be getting important Beyond CHS information and seniors-related news (diplomas, gift-wrap, senior polls, etc.)

Tuesday, October 7 will be our next advisor. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in the OUS visits and the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will attend an assembly, "Making High School Count," in the big gym.

If your son/daughter currently has a job they may be able to receive credit for it if they are under the 14-credit limit. Have them see Barb Locey in room 214 for further information.

As job openings and volunteer opportunities become available, they will be posted in the School-to-Career office Room 214 and also be announced in the daily bulletin.

Internships! A Junior/Senior Opportunity! I will be visiting select classrooms introducing internships to interested students. An internship is a work-based experience where students put to work skills learned in a class. Students can receive credit. If your son/daughter has a strong interest in a particular career area and would like this opportunity, have them come and see Barb Locey in Room 214.

## Registration fee waiver

CHS has a \$40 registration fee that provides funding for student activities not sufficiently funded by district general fund revenues. Those fees include the price of an Associated Student Body (ASB) card which serves as an ID card and entitles students to free admission to all home and away athletic contests (not including playoffs), concerts, plays, and student directories. It also enables us to continue to bring guest speakers and performers to CHS as part of our regular program. The registration fee is optional. No student is denied a student body card if she/he does not pay this fee. 509J School Board policy allows us to charge supplementary fees. If you believe that you were misled and would like a refund, please contact our office manager, Linda Alderman (757-5871).

## Messages

All messages to students called in by telephone will be placed on the student's locker unless it is an emergency. This is school policy and 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.

**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.

## Sports

The fall sports season is off to a good start! I would encourage everyone (especially soccer parents) to use the sports hotline daily. Each year there seem to be more changes in the schedules, and the hotline is available to keep you abreast of what is actually taking place daily. Each day's events will be posted by 8:00 AM, and if there are any changes to the schedule, the hotline will be updated by 2:00 PM. HOTLINE: 766-4877 EX. 8073.

## CHS Ski team looks for new faces

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.

## Electronic newsletters?

Communication within the CHS community is important, however, it does not come for free. Printing, paper, and postage costs have all risen recently. 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)

## Volunteers thanked

A big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with registration on August 20 & 21: Dana Strowbridge, Debbie Whittemore, Traci Cronkrite, Cass Cooper, Nancy Dowrie, Nancy Higgins, Joline Woods, Julie Schudel, Julie Weiss, Leslie Seitz, Judy Kuenzli, Yvonne Gilbert, Colleen Elliott, Karin Krakhauer, Susan Wright-Lewis, Nancy Johnson, Lisa Lehrer, Ginny Adams, Shoshannah Frielich, Emily Miller, Michele Spaulding, Theresa Harris, Michele Ower, Robyn Rice, Ange Sobiegraj, JoAnne Hunter, Diantha Herneid, Margie McShane, Judy Kuenzli, Tammy Wood, Susan Ullstad, Maria Truax, Donna Gemperle, Tiana Arnst, Melinda Bailey, George Long, Janet Cover, Paige Long, Deb Moun, Carrie Thompson, Marquita Dumas, Sarah Ehlers, Ann DeMonte, Terri Traver, Janette Olcott, Lee Turnbull, Barbara Potts, Cheryl Prevenou, Nancy Zook, Jan Thornton, Beth Tevlin, Rosemary Magee, Avery Neilson and Diane Wai. Your help was invaluable!

## 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.

## 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.

## Seniors: diploma reservations

Remind your **seniors** to fill in their **diploma reservations** CORRECTLY, no nicknames, but including the middle name, and bring these forms to registration or turn them into Cindy Gulledge. 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.

*Now you can use the web to find out if you can get help from **Food Stamps** and other programs that offer: food, housing, health insurance, tax credits, cash assistance for families with children. Visit [www.oregonhelps.org](http://www.oregonhelps.org)*

## Destination ImagiNation

Destination ImagiNation (DI) is a creative problem-solving program for students

through grade 12. An information night and registration will be held October 7 at 7 PM in the Cheldelin Middle School cafeteria. For information about the program look at [www.destinationimagination.org](http://www.destinationimagination.org).

### Lit City's Writing Workshops for teens and children

10 AM Corvallis-Benton County Public Library  
Saturday October 18

**FREE!**

Pre-register at the Corvallis Benton County Public Library or sign up on the day

**10-12 AM: Writing Workshop for middle and high school students with Tom Birdseye**, Board Room, lower level, Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

Tom Birdseye, author of several books for children and young adults, grew up in North Carolina and Kentucky, an ardent fan of anything that smacked of sports, crawdads, mud balls, forts built in the woods, secret codes, bicycles without fenders, butter pecan ice cream, and snow. He was, however, decidedly uninterested in writing-or any academic aspect of school, for that matter-never imagining that someday he would become a published author. And yet that is what happened. Life, it seems, is full of who'd-a-thought-its.

Lit City's writing workshops for children and teens are made possible by the generous sponsorship of the Friends of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

**\*\*WORKSHOPS WILL BE LIMITED TO 12 participants\*\***

## 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

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		8 <sup>th</sup> period	2:25-3:10
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# Corvallis High School — October 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> ODD	<b>30</b> EVEN	<b>1</b> ODD	<b>2</b> EVEN	<b>3</b> ALL	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> ODD Spirit Days	<b>7</b> EVEN Spirit Days  Oregon University System visit 9:30 AM – required for juniors & seniors	<b>8</b> ODD Spirit Days	<b>9</b> EVEN Spirit Days  Homecoming Assembly/game	<b>10</b>  No School statewide inservice	<b>11</b> SAT  Homecoming Dance
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> ODD	<b>14</b> EVEN	<b>15</b> ODD  Picture retakes Small gym Bring picture packet	<b>16</b> EVEN	<b>17</b> ALL	<b>18</b> PSAT
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> ODD  Parent Connection 7 PM staff lounge	<b>21</b> EVEN	<b>22</b> ODD  Band Concert auditorium 7:30 PM	<b>23</b> EVEN	<b>24</b> ALL	<b>25</b> ACT
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> ODD	<b>28</b> EVEN  Spartan Pride Assembly  Choir Concert auditorium 7:30 PM	<b>29</b> ALL  Conferences (see page 1 for schedule)	<b>30</b>  No School Conferences (see page 1 for schedule)	<b>31</b>  No School teacher prep	<b>1</b>

