

# Corvallis High School

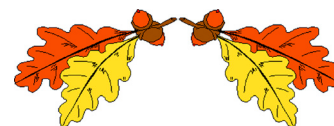
*A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE; PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE*

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## Dates to Remember

Aug 23	Senior registration 10-12:30
Aug 23	Junior registration 2-4:30 pm
Aug 24	Soph. registration 10-1:30 pm
Aug 24	Frosh registration 2:30-6 pm
Aug 25	OPEN registration 10-1:30 pm
Aug 30	OPEN registration 1-3:30 pm
Sept 5	LABOR DAY
Sept 6	School open to students • 3:30-5:30 pm
Sept 6	Parents of Freshman/new student orientation • 6:30 pm
Sept 7	SCHOOL BEGINS
Sept 8	Beyond CHS Volunteer training • 8:30 am
Sept 12	Juniors begin PSAT sign-up
Sept 15	Lifetouch picture make-ups
Sept 21	CHS Open House

CHS parents,

Greetings! It's early August and school will open in just a month. Our usual excitement is significantly heightened by our genuine enthusiasm for what lies in store this fall for your students. All of us in the CHS community are truly fortunate for the support of our greater-Corvallis patrons. Their investment in the new and remodeled CHS buildings and fixtures sends a clear message to our students—their education is vitally important. On behalf of CHS' staff, we are very grateful for that support and are looking forward to welcoming your children and continuing with the tradition of educational excellence for which Corvallis schools are most noted.

**New building update**-- Last August we predicted our new construction, playing fields, and remodel would be completed in early 2006 or by the end of that school year in June. Instead we are especially pleased to report the following:

- The old building (in case you hadn't driven by recently) will be entirely down by mid-August. The debris will be sorted and much of it recycled, including using the concrete and bricks as fill for the new parking area;
- The new main building is slated for nearly total completion by August 31, months ahead of the time originally set when the project went to contract, and just in time for staff to move in and unpack. Portions of the new building, including the theater area will need more time for completion, but we are optimistic they will be completed in early November, still far ahead of projections.
- The woodshop and ceramics studio will be remodeled and ready for classes at the start of school. Other classroom spaces in the tech ed buildings are getting a great re-make with improved facilities for visual arts, jewelry, yearbook, newspaper, photography, natural resources, auto, woods, metals and general tech. ed. programs. However, students in the latter classes will begin in the main building and hopefully be in place in the newly remodeled areas by late October.
- Parking for now is still very limited. We hope to have the main parking lot finished by late October, before the rains. In the meantime, students need to carpool, bicycle, walk and take buses whenever possible. Parking is going to be limited to on-street areas of Pierce St., 11th St., 16th St. and Buchanan. Please ask students to respect surrounding neighborhoods, avoiding parking in marked areas, blocking driveways or littering when they return from lunchtime trips.
- Student drop-off and pickup should be limited to 16th street, south of Buchanan or Pierce Street, south of the new building. Buchanan Street should be used only by bus riders. Please be courteous to others using the surrounding streets and watch for athletes moving back and forth to practices.
- The playing field (football and soccer and much more) just south of the new building is progressing ahead of schedule, as well. Bleachers and the playing surface may even be ready for some football and soccer this fall, but the exact dates are still very uncertain. Games will be played, as last year, on Taylor and Crystal Lake Park (soccer) and CV and Westland fields (football).
- A huge thank you goes to a number of people who have really worked extra-hard to pull together the construction, new design and purchases, moving and other required preparations. Fred Wright, district facilities director, has masterfully guided and coordinated construction and moving with plenty of help, especially in the moving part, from CHS' own Linda Alderman and Lynn Dickson. Our own CHS staff has put in huge hours helping to design the best facilities, packing old classrooms, moving to temporary classes, and unpacking. A number of parents and community members joined those efforts. And, last, but not least, our students have worked exceptionally hard and been tremendously patient in all of the process—helping to pack and clean, managing cramped and cluttered areas and limited parking.

**Registration and Pre-school planning**- Registration will take place as scheduled, but students will be limited to a small portion of the new building. Lockers and textbooks will be assigned on the first day or two of school.

**Principal’s Greeting to CHS parents and students (cont.)**

Athletics participants need to be especially patient as we start the fall season and then steadily move practices and events back to campus. Parents should pay close attention to school and coaches’ updates.

**CHS Preview for Parents and Students-** We are excited to be hosting a formal OPEN HOUSE for the Corvallis community when the building and surrounding facilities are complete, probably in October. Details will be announced as soon as we know. In the meantime, we invite parents and students to enjoy a “walk-through” of the new building on Tuesday, September 6th, from 3:30 to 5:30. **Orientation for the parents of 9th grade and new students in the 10th-12th grade** will take place that same evening from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. “Walk-throughs” for those parents will be available until 8:30 pm after the Orientation.

**Details--** Please read the newsletter carefully for details of registration, fall activities and ways for parents to become involved. Enjoy the rest of summer break and see you in August.

—Best regards, Jay Conroy, Principal

**CHS Open House**

Open House at CHS will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm. Principal Jay Conroy will briefly welcome parents and guardians in the cafeteria. At 6:45 those attending will meet in their student’s first period classroom. *Please ask your student to give you the names and room numbers for their teachers.* Maps will be provided. Plan to attend and learn more about your child’s education.

**2005-06 Yearbook fees**

August through December 16 . . . . . \$40  
 January 3- March 24th . . . . . \$45  
 After spring break until distribution. . \$50  
 At the yearbook signing party . . . . . \$55

Yearbooks are limited, buy early and guarantee that you will get one. Please save yourself and the yearbook staff money and order early!

**Attention Parents of 11th Graders**

Your students are the first class to graduate under the new state graduation requirements. Along with accruing 45 credits, students in the class of 06-07 will need to demonstrate proficiency in the Career Related Learning Standards and participate in extended learning experiences. This year’s juniors were introduced to the new graduation requirements last year and have started to document relevant experiences and activities. More in-depth information will be forth coming in the next newsletter.

**11th Grade Parents**

Just a note to let you know that your students received a copy of their OSAT test scores during registration. Please ask them to share them with you if they have not already done so!

**Parent Connection Dates**

Meetings will be held in Beyond CHS  
 September 15 . . . . . noon  
 October 12 . . . . . 7:00pm  
 November 10 . . . . . noon  
 December 8 . . . . . noon  
 January 12 . . . . . noon  
 February 15 . . . . . 7:00pm  
 March 9 . . . . . noon  
 April 13 . . . . . noon  
 May 18 . . . . . noon

**Registration**

Registration will take place in our new building with limited accessible areas. All students/parents or guardians must enter through the Buchanan Street entrance. Registration packets were mailed out the first week of August. Volunteers are needed for registration. Please call Kathleen Muravez, 752-8708 if you are available to help. We appreciate your patience with the continued construction of the building and grounds area.

**Dates:**

Seniors	Tuesday	August 23	10:00 am-12:30 pm
Juniors	Tuesday	August 23	2:00-4:30 pm
Sophomore	Wednesday	August 24	10:00 am-1:30 pm
Freshman	Wednesday	August 24	2:30-6:00 pm
Open	Thursday	August 25	10:00-1:30 pm
Open	Tuesday	August 30	1:00-3:30 pm

**9th Grade/New Students Parent Orientation**

There will be a meeting for parents of new students (9th grade and transfer students) on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. This will be a time for parents to preview the year, discuss the extensive opportunities at CHS and share information.

**First Day of School**

Corvallis High School welcomes all 9th graders and other new students at the **New Student Orientation** on Wednesday, September 7 from 7:40 to 11:00 am. During this time new students will meet staff, hear about programs, activities and policies and tour the building. Returning CHS students may report at 11:00 am for lunch. The cost for lunch is \$2.50. **Classes begin for ALL students at 11:50 am.**

**Buses**

Freshmen and new students will use the regular bus route; buses will run again about 2.5 hours later for sophomores, juniors and seniors on September 7 ONLY. Only new students should come to CHS on the morning run.

**Guidelines for student visitors**

- Visitation is not allowed if the guest student lives within 60 miles of Corvallis (Valley League principal’s agreement).
- The guest must be of high school age and a “student in good standing” at their school.
- A “Visitor’s Request Form” must be completed by the host student at least 24 hours prior to the visit (available in the main office).
- Any violation of school guidelines during the visit may result in both students being sent home.

## 2005-2006 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 (Tuesday/Thursday) for 95 minutes; most Fridays ALL class periods meet for 45 minutes.

Odd/Even		All	
<b>A Block</b>	<b>7:40-9:15</b>	1st period	7:40-8:25
		2nd period	8:30-9:15
<b>Break 9:15-9:25</b>			
<b>B block</b>	<b>9:30-11:05</b>	3rd period	9:30-10:15
		4th period	10:20-11:05
<b>Break 11:05-11:10</b>			
<b>C Block</b>	<b>11:15-12:50</b>	5th period	11:15-12:00
		6th period	12:05-12:50
<b>Lunch 12:50-1:30</b>			
<b>D Block</b>	<b>1:35-3:10</b>	7th period	1:35-2:20
		8th period	2:25-3:10

## Welcome New Staff

Trudi Caster..... German  
 Rich Larrowe... Language Arts/Social Studies  
 Stephanie Macklem.....Science  
 Daniel Kammerzelt ..... Language Arts  
 Sherry Newton .....Health  
 Erin Walcon.....English/Drama  
 Mary Leinenweber.....ESL  
 Randy Silbernagel ..... Student Behavior Asst.  
 Beth Abrams.....ELL-family advocate  
 Janet Low .....Special Ed. Asst.  
 Maureen Weidenkopf ..... Life Skills  
 Raymond McLaughlin..... Life Skills  
 Nathan Harris..... Life Skills  
 Debbie Hood ..... Life Skills  
 Grace Lawson..... Life Skills  
 Dan Zook..... Life Skills  
 Catherine Driscoll..... ASPIRE

## 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 a 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, clock or period of absence and please spell the student's last name clearly.

Do you still get a phone call from the "Automated" call system? - even AFTER you have called the Attendance line to excuse your student? Please be aware that when you have called to excuse your student from being absent for a certain period class, your student still may have missed another class the same day, in which the Automated phone system will dial out for the class that is left unexcused.

## Additional Attendance Information

Please make arrangements with your student(s) prior to school hours about doctor and orthodontic appointments, as well as any other medical or non-medical appointments. Unless there is an emergency - all notes will be posted on student lockers as we try to avoid "reminder" notes to students. It disrupts class time.

An "Attendance Record" is posted outside of the Attendance Office. This record shows the student's attendance for the previous day and current day. If you receive an "Automated" telephone call stating that your student has missed one or more classes, please have your student check the attendance record to see which teacher marked them absent. If this was an error the student and teacher can resolve it.

I look forward to another great year! Thank you for your cooperation.

—Debbie Begin



## Freshman Study Hall

Parents and guardians, every freshman student will be scheduled in to a non-credit supervised study hall either A or D block this school year. If they would rather be off campus during that time, students may be removed from the study

hall roster at the request of their parent. Students who find themselves on campus during their study hall period MUST report to study hall even if they have been withdrawn. Freshman students are expected to be in a classroom or study hall during class time except with teacher/staff permission. Please discuss these expectations with your student once you have received their schedule. To withdraw your student from their study hall, please email the student name, your name and contact number, and the study hall period to dawn.granger@corvallis.k12.or.us.

## First Day of School schedule

7:40-11:00 am	Freshman and new students meet in large gym
11:00-11:50	BBQ lunch - cost \$2.50
11:55-12:10	Advisor-locker assignment
12:15-12:45	Assembly in large gym
12:45-12:55	Break
1:00-1:28	<b>A Block</b> 1st period 1:00-1:11 2nd period 1:17-1:28
1:34-2:02	<b>B Block</b> 3rd period 1:34-1:45 4th period 1:51-2:02
2:08-2:36	<b>C Block</b> 5th period 2:08-2:19 6th period 2:25-2:36
2:42-3:10	<b>D Block</b> 7th period 2:42-2:53 8th period 2:59-3:10



## Spartan Activities and Athletics

The entire Corvallis High School staff welcomes you to another year of Spartan Sports and Activities – with a special welcome to our newest “Sparts”. We encourage you to become involved in the many activities offered at Corvallis High. We believe that school-based activities are a significant avenue for extending the learning environment beyond the classroom. Activities and athletics are important in contributing to school climate and to a sense of community among students, staff, parents and other Corvallis citizens. As a member of a school team or activity, your behavior on campus, in the community and at other schools reflects on your program, your school and yourself. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with personal, program and whole school successes. Be a part of this great place. Get involved!

### Volunteers needed for sports

Successful activities take a lot of support and volunteer time. In the past, CHS has been fortunate to have terrific support for its sports programs. Help doing things like taking money, filming games, providing transportation are all needed. Helping out can be fun, and is always appreciated. In the fall, please say “yes” when asked to help. We start out needing team parents for each level of every sport, then those parents will ask others to help out where needed. If you are interested in being a team parent, please let your coach know at the beginning of the season.

### Spectator Costs

Parents, friends, and relatives are encouraged to attend CHS sporting events each season. Some sports will involve a spectator charge. There is an entrance fee for all football games, volleyball games, girls/boys basketball games, and wrestling meets.

**Individual Adult Pass** to all CHS/CV home games...\$35.00 (Includes children in price)

**Family (2 Adults) Pass** to all CHS/CV home games...\$70.00 (Includes children in price)

	Football	Other Events
Adults	\$6.00	\$5.00
Students under high school	\$3.00	\$2.00
CHS students (w/ID Card Only) & at AWAY games	\$4.00	\$3.00
CHS students (w/Activity Card)	Free	Free

A family or an individual pass is good for any home game at CHS/CV all year and may be purchased in the CHS Athletic Office, Rice’s Pharmacy, or at the Fall Booster BBQ.

### Sports Hotline

Parents are encouraged to use the PARENT HOTLINE. Each day’s sporting events are on the hotline by 8:00 am. Please call 766-4877, ext. 8073 for information about events scheduled for that day. The hotline is updated each day between 2:15-3:00 PM. Using the hotline leaves the regular office telephone lines free for necessary calls.

## Volunteer and Training Opportunity

for parents and others interested in becoming a volunteer to attend IEP meetings with other families and learn more about Special Education and the IEP (Individual Education Program) process, November 4th and 5th. Oregon Parent Training and Information Center will be offering a two day work shop to train IEP partners. The IEP partner program trains and matches volunteers to support parents during the IEP process. More information about this program is available from [www.orpti.org](http://www.orpti.org), by calling Karen Riplinger at 1-888-505-2673 ext 212 or Corvallis Special Ed Advisory Committee co-chairs: Denise Cardinali, at 929-2645 or Kathy Eckert-Mason at 738-2955.

## KidShare

Please help support the CHS Kidshare program by shopping at the **First Alternative Co-op on Wednesdays** during the month of September. One percent of Wednesday’s proceeds during the month of September will go to the CHS and the Linus Pauling Kidshare programs. **Kidshare** is a program set up to help students that need assistance at school. Assistance could be school supplies, sporting gear, alarm clocks, hair cuts, bike helmets and much more. All requests are confidential, and can be made in the counselor’s office by students, parents or teachers. Donations to this program can be made to the CHS Kidshare at the Corvallis School Foundation located at the district office. For any questions about this program or if you are interested in helping out, please contact Chris Ladovsky 752-6240.

## Beyond CHS News

### New Volunteers

There will be a training session for anyone that is interested in volunteering in Beyond CHS on Thursday, September 8 at 8:30 a.m. This is a mandatory training for new volunteers. Volunteers are asked to commit to a two hour shift per week and be willing to work with all students.

### Returning Volunteers

There will be a training session for all returning volunteers at 8:30 on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 in Beyond CHS. I would appreciate it if everyone could attend. Parking could very well be a problem so please plan ahead. Also, until we have a schedule, please come at the same time you did last year starting Wednesday if you can, if not, don’t worry about it.

### PSAT

All juniors that are planning to attend college should take the PSAT on October 15. We will start taking reservations in Beyond CHS on Monday, September 12, the cost is \$17 and checks should be payable to Corvallis High School. Priority will be given to juniors but we also encourage sophomores to take the exam for practice. Please see Nancy Shaffer for more information in Beyond CHS.

### College Visits

There will be a board outside of Beyond CHS with a list of the college visits scheduled for Beyond CHS. Once we get organized, we will have a printed list that you can have your student stop by and pick up. We will also update you by the listserve.

The Portland College Fair that dozens of schools attend will be held on Monday, October 10 from 9-12:00 at the Portland Convention Center.

### College Planning Night

College Planning Night will be held on Wednesday, October 5 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at LaSells Stewart Center at OSU. All students but especially juniors and seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. There will be information on honors colleges, LBCC, Dual Enrollment, financial aid, admission criteria and test requirements.

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September 2005

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2
5 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	6 School Open to students 3:30 - 5:30 9th grade Parent Orientation 6:30 pm - cafeteria	7 <b>ALL</b> School Begins  SHOP at 1st Alternative Co-op	8 <b>ALL</b> Advisor Beyond CHS volunteer training - 8:30 am	9 <b>ALL</b> Advisor
12 <b>ODD</b> Juniors begin sign-ups for PSATs	13 <b>EVEN</b>	14 <b>ODD</b>  SHOP at 1st Alternative Co-op	15 <b>EVEN</b> Lifetouch Picture Make-up	16 <b>ALL</b>
19 <b>ODD</b>	20 <b>EVEN</b>	21 <b>ODD</b> CHS Open House  SHOP at 1st Alternative Co-op	22 <b>EVEN</b>	23 <b>ALL</b>
26 <b>ODD</b>	27 <b>EVEN</b>	28 <b>ODD</b>  SHOP at 1st Alternative Co-op	29 <b>EVEN</b>	30 <b>ALL</b>