

Corvallis High School

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE; PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE

Greetings Parents,

A number of topics hit my desk this month for sharing with you and, in some cases, getting your feedback. Send your thoughts to us at jay.conroy@corvallis.k12.or.us.

Conferences—Are they working for you? We called nearly 100 parents of students who were receiving “low” grades asking them to come to visit with teachers. At the same time, we want all parents to feel welcomed to contact teachers about the performance of their students, whether the student is receiving “low” grades or not. We hope to have on-line grade books by next fall that will serve to keep you better posted about your student’s performance throughout the term, not just at the 9 week point or at the end. We also are looking into changing our “progress report” cards to come out at 6 weeks next year so that you can get an earlier view of how your student is doing. Finally, we know that many of you walked back and forth between appointments, from one end of the building to the other. That is poor planning and use of your time. But many teachers and parents also valued the time in classrooms, away from the large cafeteria arena setting. Please give this some thought and if you have some thoughtful input, please send it as we are working on spring conferences already.

Alignment and clear standards—Teachers from both high schools and the middle schools have spent two days this fall working to clarify the “learning standards” for each of their classes. That is, we will be better able to point to the specific content, skills and knowledge that students will be able to learn. And, that content will be aligned with prior classes and next steps so that students can build on prior learning. This isn’t new, it’s just the commitment of the district to review those standards on a regular basis to make sure we’re on the right track. We will also be working on effective assessments and instructional strategies to help teachers better measure learning and reach more students. This professional development time is critical and we appreciate your support.

AP program—We are proud to announce that our science and math Advanced Placement program offerings has been selected as one of the top programs in the state based on student performance and overall offerings. We will be submitting our program as a finalist for possible selection as the Oregon program of the year. Congratulations to all of our AP teachers who have worked to build strong course offerings for all students. And, congratulations to our students (and their parents) for stepping up to the challenge of taking the rigorous classes.

Civics Lesson—You may have noticed in the GT (or heard from your son or daughter) that we hosted U.S. Senator Ron Wyden for our entire student body on November 1. At that assembly Corvallis American Legion Post #11 presented to our student body a large display US Flag (that had flown over our nation’s Capitol) for our Gymnasium. Senator Wyden then conducted a town hall meeting (“*the best form of democratic listening*” in the Senator’s words) where students were able to ask some very tough and appropriate questions for one of our nation’s leaders. Students were exceptionally attentive and we hope, inspired to take their learning and become more involved in our world’s affairs. We are always looking for ways to give our students a real-life extension of the learning that we offer in the classroom. Senator Wyden and the presentation of the memorial flag was a great opportunity.

Finally, as Thanksgiving approaches, we are thankful for all of your students—their great work and attitudes—and your support in so many ways. Take care—

—Jay Conroy, Principal

November 2006



Dates to Remember

- Nov 3 After-Game Dance-9 pm
- Nov 8-10 Fall Musical - 'Spitfire Grill'
- Nov 10 **NO SCHOOL**
- Nov 13 **NO SCHOOL**
- Nov 14 'Spitfire Grill' during D block
- Nov 16 Parent Connection noon
- Nov 23-24 **NO SCHOOL**
Thanksgiving Holiday



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2007 Senior All Night Party!

The SANP is broken into four core groups, each with an Executive Chair. They are: *Activities/Decorations* - Ellen Derocher (CV), *Operations* - Julie Gardner (CV), *Funding* - Linda Amedo (CHS), *Publications* - Jackie Hastings (CHS). I'm hopeful that throughout the year the four executive chairs can meet up to coordinate our areas, then meet individually with our own groups, then the individual chairs can meet with the people they are working with. If we can keep this communication system working, we can avoid having everyone attend meetings that cover topics not relevant to what they are doing. We are currently booked in the CV library the first Monday of every month at 7 pm (except January it's the second Monday). We'll adjust who should attend as we go along, but please keep that date open as we move forward.

Thanks to EVERYONE for volunteering. This is going to be a lot of work, a lot of fun, and a great event for our kids!



School attendance areas/transfers—New online application process

Student transfer requests for the 2007-08 school year may be submitted for all schools for grades 1-12 beginning on the first day of school in November and must be received by 5:00 on Friday, January 19, 2007.

Transfer requests should be made through the new online application process and may be accessed through the Corvallis School District website at <http://www.csd509j.net>. If you do not have access at home, free internet access is available at the district office, 1555 SW 35th Street, or at the Corvallis Public Library. For more information or assistance, please call Bernadette Feyerherm at 757-5811.

Transfer requests for the 2007-08 kindergarten program (also made online) may be submitted beginning on the first day of school in February and must be received by the second Friday in March. Requests for kindergarten transfers will be approved unless the school's enrollment capacity has been met.

All applications will be assigned a random number for consideration rather than a "first come first served" basis. If transfer requests outnumber the space available in a school as the school's enrollment capacity has been met, a lottery will be held using the random number assigned to the request. Applications received after the deadline will be added to a waiting list in the order they are received.

Corvallis Youth Symphony Concert

Sunday, December 10, 2006 at 3:00 pm, the Corvallis Youth Symphony will be joined by CYS alumnus and Oregon Symphony cellist, Adam Esbensen for their winter concert at LaSells Stewart Center.

The concert will include Vivaldi's Cello Concerto, featuring Adam, works by Misner, Glazounow, Kabelevsky and Dvorak's Cello Concerto Op. 104 mvt.III again, featuring Adam.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at Gracewinds, or \$12 at the door. Student tickets or \$2 or free with an adult.



CHS/CVHS Fall Musical

"The Spitfire Grill" is coming to the CHS Theater next week. This joint Crescent Valley & Corvallis High School musical production is one of the most exciting new titles in American theater. It is small, intimate, and draws from Appalachian bluegrass music to weave a story both heartwarming and real.

The play tells the story of Percy Talbott, a young woman just released from prison. She makes her way to the small town of Gilead, Wisconsin, where she hopes to start a new life. Her presence in a town that has lost all hope causes a revitalization beyond anyone's expectations.

Wednesday, Nov. 8 is our Preview Night performance. This evening, all *CSD 509j staff* are invited to attend for free. We hope that you can join us to celebrate the arts in our district. Please join us at the CHS Theater at 7:30 on Wed, Nov. 8th or purchase a ticket for the remaining weekend.

Full performance information for "The Spitfire Grill"

Thursday, November 9 - 8:00 PM curtain

- Raffle Event this evening! Win a chance at exciting prizes!

Friday, November 10 - 8:00 PM show

- Black Tie Evening - get dressed up and come out on the red carpet.

Saturday, November 11 - 8:00 PM show

Sunday, November 12 - 2:00 PM matinee show

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and are available at CHS during lunch, or at Grassroots Bookstore and Rice's Pharmacy. Tickets are also available at the door... but they're going fast!



—Erin Walcon, CHS Theater Director

Parent Connection Dates

Meetings will be held in Beyond CHS, room 120
 November 16.....noon
 December 14.....noon
 January 18noon
 February 15 7:00 pm
 March 15.....noon
 April 19 noon
 May 17.....noon

BEYOND CHS - Life after High School

Financial Night

Financial Aid Night will be held at CHS on December 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The Associate Director of Financial Aid at Western Oregon will go over options for parents as well as applying for financial aid through FAFSA. This event is open to all students and parents but is particularly helpful to seniors and their parents.

Tea for Returning College Freshmen & CHS Students

Beyond CHS will hold a tea for seniors and first year college students on December 20 at 1:30 p.m. in Beyond CHS. This is a good opportunity to have seniors talk with students who are at college about their choices and get first hand info from our college freshmen. Please let your seniors know and any college freshmen that you have contact with, we'd love to see them. If you would like to donate cookies, please let Nancy in Beyond CHS know or e-mail her at Nancy.Shaffer@corvallis.k12.or.us.

College Applications

College applications should now be sent or nearly ready to go. If your students need help with their applications or essays, please have them bring their downloaded paper copy to Beyond CHS for help. Also, if your student is applying for private colleges, make sure that you have completed the CSS Profile if it is required. This is a financial form different from the FAFSA that can be completed now and sent to the colleges. Go to collegeboard.com to see if this form is required for the schools that your child is applying. This can and should be done now, FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) cannot be done until after January 1, 2007.

Juniors

Juniors should start registering for the SAT and ACT. Most juniors will take them in April, May and June. These spaces fill up quickly so for the SAT go to collegeboard.com and for the ACT go to ACT.org. Questions, come to Beyond CHS. We recommend that students take all of their exams this year so that they can concentrate on their applications in the fall.

PSATs

The PSATs went very well. 251 students took the exam and your students were perfect. The results will come back in late December/early January. We will try to get them to students before the holidays but it depends on when CHS receives them. They will be returned with the test booklet that they can use as a study guide.

Graduation - Diplomas, Caps and Gowns

This is the start of a busy year for seniors! Please note that on November 16th, in advisor, the Jostens graduation packets will be handed out to students. These packets include order forms for cap, gown and tassel units as well as announcements and other things for graduation. The order forms will be collected on Nov. 21. Also, your students will have an opportunity to check their names for spelling errors or omissions on the Nov. 16 date, so you may want to have a conversation about how you wish your students name to appear on their diploma.

The seniors have voted! The senior girls will wear white gowns, the boys will wear Columbia blue gowns. Now we just have to confirm that Jostens will have these colors available this year...

Beyond CHS

Beyond CHS is open and ready for students with many great volunteers. We are working our way through seniors but everyone is always welcome including parents. Below is the current list of college visits. Students should check with us as we are adding more schools weekly. If a student is interested in these visits, there is a sign-up book upon entering Beyond CHS.

- Nov. 2 Middlebury 9:30
- Nov. 2 Harvey Mudd 12:50
- Nov. 6 Pacific Univ. 11:15
- Nov. 7 Occidental..... 9:15
- Nov. 7 Univ. of Idaho 9:30
- Nov. 7 Reed 11:15
- Nov. 7 Carroll College 11:15
- Nov. 7 Seattle Pacific 1:35
- Nov. 9 Uof S. California (USC)... 9:30
- Nov. 9 Colorado State 11:15
- Nov. 9 Franklin College (located in Switzerland - accredited) 11:15
- Nov. 9 Claremont-McKenna..... 1:35
- Nov. 15 Evergreen St. College..... 9:15
- Nov. 16 W. Wash. Univ..... 9:15
- Nov. 17 Willamette 1:35



2006 Peace Slam

2006 Peace Slam NW is scheduled for November 18th. 2007 Peace Jam is April 21 and 22nd. Email PeaceJam@oregonstate.edu for info! Check out www.peacejam.org or www.oregonstate.edu/peacejam for more information. The goal of PeaceJam is to inspire a new generation of peacemakers who will transform their local communities, schools, themselves and the world. For ages 13-18.

Winter Sports Pictures

Winter sports pictures will be taken during practice Thursday, November 16. 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 pictures. Anyone wanting to order Booster Buttons needs to fill out the half sheet and pay November 16 during the time of the pictures. Checks can be made out to CHS Booster Club. The cost of each 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 the week before pictures.

Sports Volunteers

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 if needed, are very important to the success of each program. Helping out can be fun, and is always appreciated. 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.

Spartan Sports

CHS Winter sports practice season begins Monday, November 6th. If you are interested in participating in a winter sport, but have not been cleared, please stop by the Athletic 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 lower gym, Freshman Basketball games are played in the upper gym. Cost of admissions to games, including Wrestling matches, is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students under high school age, and \$4.00 for high school students without an activity sticker. No charge for league swimming meets.

WINTER SPORTS COACH

- Boys Basketball Greg Garrison
- Girls Basketball Scott Lasswell
- Wrestling Ron Sather
- B/G Swimming Judy Storie
- B/G Skiing Andy & Katie Laird

Spartan Huddle

Nov. 6 at 7 pm in the Woodstock's Pizza meeting room. Come help us celebrate a successful fall season.



Boys and Girls Clubhouse Programs

(Open to all MEMBERS, grades K – 12)

The Clubhouse After-School Program

2:45 pm to 7:00 pm Monday – Friday. Fee: \$25 • The Club's membership year runs from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31

The Clubhouse Non-School Days

9:00 am to 6:00 pm. • Fee: \$25 per day • \$10 early bird discount • Current membership is required • Registration forms for Sept. 29, Oct. 13, 25 -27 and Nov. 10 will be available early September.

Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5:30 pm • Phone: 541-757-1909



Head Lice

Parents, head lice is a common problem for school aged children. Research shows that the normal classroom is a low risk environment for the spread of lice. Direct head to head contact is usually required for the spread of human head lice.

Best methods for prevention include:

- teaching your child to avoid head to head contact with others
- avoiding shared sleeping arrangements,
- avoiding sharing hats and hair ornaments.

Reduce your risk of household infestation by checking your child's hair on a regular basis throughout the school year. If you do find lice, treat them with lice shampoo from your drugstore.

DVD Yearbooks

We are offering a new way to remember your years spent @ CHS; not only is there going to be a yearbook. But, also a new student created DVD Yearbook which has live footage of school sponsored events, including Spartan athletics to theatre productions, clubs, dances and much, much more. This DVD is student produced (everything from the words "ACTION" to the words "CUT and EDIT.") Everything is student lead and designed by the new Digital Production class.

These DVD Yearbooks will cost \$15.00 per DVD or if you've purchased a yearbook it is only \$10.00-\$12.00. The majority of the money collected goes back into the Fine Arts program helping to buy new computer software, cameras and/or supplies needed to create more hands on learning experiences here at CHS. We're working hard to preserve the memories you make during your years of involvement at CHS and giving you a chance to go back to see what you didn't see before!

2006-07 Yearbook Fees

August through December 15 \$45
 January 8- March 23. \$50
 After spring break until distribution \$55
 At the yearbook signing party \$60

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

Math Department Seeks Sponsorship For American Math Competition

Since its inception over 20 years ago, hundreds of CHS students have competed annually in the American Math Competition (AMC). Students who score in the top 5% nationally go on to compete at state, along with our top scorers on a second competitive exam, The Regional Skills Test. Every year, CHS sends about 40 students to compete at the state level and, of those, 10 to 15 are state winners.

The cost to administer the AMC is about \$300 per year and the cost to travel to state averages \$100 per year. Given ever-increasing budget constraints, the CHS Math Department is less able to financially support this opportunity for our upper-level students like it has for over two decades. Hence, the department is seeking donations or sponsorship from the business community and/or interested families. The department would welcome conversation about creative, meaningful, and appropriate recognition of those interested in helping to finance the AMC or travel to state competitions (i.e. for business a title sponsorship). Please contact Eric Dazey at Eric.Dazey@corvallis.k12.or.us if you are interested in helping support these opportunities for students.

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.

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.

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.

Wish List

For the OFFICE staff:

- Additional funds to help with printing/copying charges
- Printer cartridges (HP black and colored ink jet cartridges for 15, 25, 26, 41, 45)
- Additional funds to help pay for: parking permits, school supplies, Yearbooks, etc.
- A rolling cart for the office
- A whiteboard on a stand
- 8 ½ by 11 white photocopy paper

For the LRC staff:


- \$ Money for copying costs \$ •
- Computer printer paper
- Simple calculators
- Tissues
- Sets of white board markers for four teachers
- 3 boxes legal size envelopes
- Colored file folders
- From the educational store next to Rice's: 4 – Big Time Learning Clocks

For Basic Shop, Beg. and Adv. Woods, Auto and Metals, Vehicle Design and Material Science Tech. classes (contact - Andy.collins@corvallis.k12.or.us):

- Start up money to help develop Industrial Plastics activities
- Furniture grade lumber: Pine, oak, walnut, maple etc.
- Metric Tap and Die Set with case - \$50.00
- New Table Saw Guard - \$400.00
- Stain Glass Scraps
- Stain Glass Tools
- Glass Grinder - \$85
- 25 Dust Masks, Disposable - .50 each
- Centrifugal Caster for metal casting - \$580.00

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November 2006

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 ODD Staff Meeting @ 3:20	2 EVEN	3 ALL AftEr-Game Dance @ 9 PM
6 ODD	7 EVEN	8 ODD Site Council Mtg. 3:20 pm Fall Musical @ 8:00 PM	9 EVEN Fall Musical @ 8 PM	10 NO SCHOOL Fall Musical @ 8 PM
13 NO SCHOOL	14 EVEN "Spitfire Grill" performance during D block	15 ODD	16 EVEN Parent Connection Noon	17 ODD
20 ODD	21 EVEN	22 ALL	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL
27 ODD	28 EVEN	29 ODD	30 EVEN	