

Corvallis High School

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE; PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE

Dear Corvallis High School Students and Families,

Welcome back to the first week of school. On Tuesday, September 4, 2007, CHS staff and student leaders greeted 325 Freshmen, the class of 2011. We also welcomed 70 new students to CHS from others schools. The positive energy and enthusiasm during the day contributed to creating a welcoming community at our school. The activities during the day focused on both academics and relationships. Some of the activities included: school tours, learning the fight song, a dress code fashion show, and talks from student leaders titled: *What you wish you would have been told.*

Thanks to Stephanie Lessetter, new Math and Leadership Teacher; Jane Kiekel, Spanish Teacher; School Counselors; and Eric Wright, Assistant Principal for planning the day.

Special thanks to the more than 40 parents and students who helped make registration at CHS a success. Thank you to everyone for being patient in the sometimes long lines. Students said they didn't mind standing in the lines because they got to talk with their friends.

Teachers were busy this week doing important work preparing for students to return. The excitement in anticipation of students coming back to school is amazing. During the first week of school all students will be given a copy of "Corvallis High School Rights and Responsibilities." This along with the "Top Ten Student Behaviors" will be reviewed with all students. I want to thank Rynda Gregory, Assistant Principal for her leadership in this area.



I enjoyed meeting students, families, and community at the **ice cream social** held in the CHS courtyard. Big thanks to the wonderful parents and students who organized the event, especially parent Carol Hennessy. Everyone appreciated the variety of sauces for the ice cream, the fresh strawberries, and even the flowers for the tables. Following the ice cream social was the **CHS Spartan Booster BBQ** – another well organized event that attracted many.

I have also enjoyed meeting parents and students associated with **Band Camp**. A senior class leader and I attended the school's neighborhood association picnic on a Sunday, August 26th. I want to applaud this neighborhood association for their hospitality and the wonderful Franklin Square walking tour brochure they produced. I also participated with other CHS staff members in the **School Supply Give-Away** – what a blessing. I want to thank ALL of the community members and businesses that participated in this fantastic event.

I look forward to meeting you and your family. Please join me Friday, September 7 at 7:00-7:30 AM in the cafeteria for "**First Friday with the Principal.**" This is a time for students, staff, and the community to have informal conversation with the principal. I hope to see you there.

I wish you the best as together we continue "A Tradition of Excellence - Preparation for the Future."

—Sincerely, Suzanne Dalton, CHS Principal

September 2007



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Dates to Remember

Sept 3	LABOR DAY
Sept 4	Freshman/New Student BBQ
Sept 5	SCHOOL BEGINS for All
Sept 7	First Friday with Principal
Sept 10	Juniors begin PSAT sign-up
Sept 13	ID Picture Makeups
Sept 18	Parent Connection
Sept 19	CHS Open House
Oct 9	College Planning Night

Christmas in September

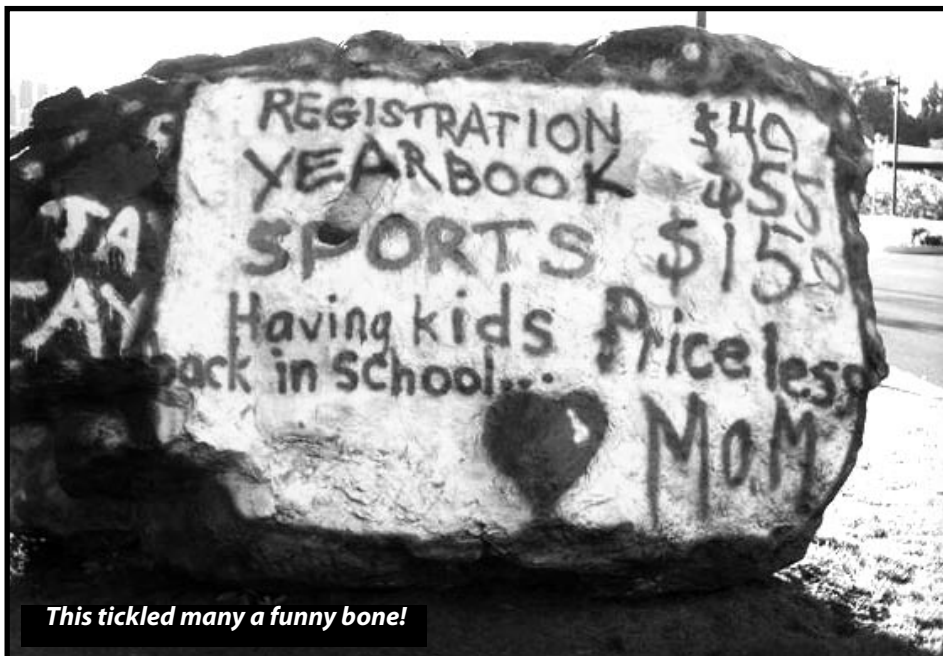
At registration Seniors received their sales kit for the annual **CV/CHS Senior All-Night Party** fundraising event. This is the Sally Foster wrap and gift-giving catalog sale and it is the only fundraiser we ask the Seniors to do for the Senior All-Night Party!

Any Senior who did not receive his packet at registration should contact Chris Carlson at 754-7924.

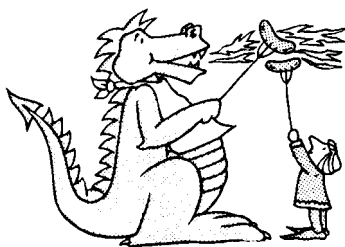
Anyone else interested in participating can order directly at sallyfoster.com using the CV-CHS Senior All-Night Party account #355744 or send an e-mail request to chrisacarlson@comcast.net and I can send you a packet directly.

Parents of Seniors are encouraged to participate with their students by selling to friends and family. If you are interested in any additional sales kits they are available.

Remember the sale runs through October 19th and the standard orders will be delivered in November.



This tickled many a funny bone!



Freshman and New Student Orientation B-B-Q

On Tuesday, Sept 4, from 8 am to 3 pm, we will have a Bar-B-Que at the high school for all freshman and new students. The cost is \$2.50 per person. Regular scheduled bus routes will be running for these students, even though this is a non-school day.

CHS Open House

Open House at CHS will be held on Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30 pm. Principal Suzanne Dalton 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.

Student ID Photos



For those students unable to attend the scheduled registration dates, student ID picture makeups will be

September 13 from 7:30 to 11:30 am.
Retakes will be October 15 from 7:45 to 10:00 am.

First Day of School - Wednesday, September 5

First day of school will be a normal ALL day. **BUSSES** will run their normal routes and times.

Textbook Checkout

- You will need your ID to check out textbooks.
- Put your name in your books as soon as you get them, it will help you to keep track of them and don't forget to cover your books as it will help them last longer.

Parent Connection

Please join us every third Tuesday from 12:00-1:00 in the Band room at CHS. Stay connected with other parents and staff. Our Parent Connection meetings will consist of a staff guest speaker and a discussion of parent-generated ideas so that all parents can feel connected to CHS.

Announcements of our meeting dates, times and agendas will be posted on the listserv.

Please come, learn and share with other CHS parents!

Our first Parent Connection will meet on Tuesday, September 18 from noon to 1:00 in the CHS Band room.

We hope you will join us!

September 18.....noon
October 16..... 7:00 pm
November 20noon
December 17noon

Test Taking Dates

PSAT - Saturday, October 20 at CHS starting at 8:30 a.m. Starting at 8:30 will allow the test to begin by 9:00. Proper ID will be REQUIRED. Sign ups are taken in Beyond CHS, Cost \$18 payable to CHS.

SAT and Subject tests (collegeboard.com)

October 6
November 3
December 1
January 26
March 1
May 3
June 7

ACT (ACT.org)

September 15
October 27
December 8
February 9
April 12
June 14

JUNIORS

Please sign up now for your tests especially if you are taking them in May or June of '08 because OSU will not be a testing center and space in Eugene and Salem will fill up quickly. For help on what to sign up for and when, please see Nancy in Beyond CHS.

Boundary Committee Shares Three Scenarios with School Board

At the August 13, 2007 board meeting, the Corvallis School District Boundary Committee shared three possible scenarios for boundary changes for the district. These proposals were developed by the Boundary Committee based on two key criteria:

1. The student capacity of each school without transfer students or additional modulars,
2. Avoiding widening the student socioeconomic gap between schools.

Public meetings are scheduled in Sept. to gather input on the scenarios. Dates are:

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Linus Pauling Middle School Cafeteria
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

Cheldelin Middle School Cafeteria
7:00-8:30 p.m.

After considering the public input, the superintendent will make a final recommendation to the Corvallis School Board in October. The board is targeting November to make the final decision, with boundary changes taking effect in fall, 2008. For more information, including details about the three scenarios, click on this link:

www.cds509j.net

Dear Senior Parents.

We are excited to have your seniors. They will be very busy this year! In your registration packet you will find a diploma reservation. It is a half, blue sheet with several questions. Please help us avoid having to reorder diplomas by checking the names given by your students (we ask for full names; no nick names), then initial the sheet in the spot provided. This will help all of us avoid the disappointment of getting a diploma with a misspelled middle name or an incorrect legal name.

Your students will receive a 'graduation packet' in late September or early October from Jostens. The students will vote on the colors of their gowns (all blue or girls in white, boys in blue) before the orders are due. These dates are open to change. All students must have a cap and gown in order to participate in the graduation program. Thank you. We are looking forward to a great year. Please call Cindy Gulledege at 757-5910 if you have questions.

First Friday Conversation with the Principal

Sept. 7 • Oct. 5
Nov. 2 • Dec. 7

2007-2008 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	
A Block	7:40-9:15	1st period	7:40-8:25
		2nd period	8:30-9:15
Break 9:15-9:25			
B block	9:30-11:05	3rd period	9:30-10:15
		4th period	10:20-11:05
Break 11:05-11:10			
C Block	11:15-12:50	5th period	11:15-12:00
		6th period	12:05-12:50
Lunch 12:50-1:30			
D Block	1:35-3:10	7th period	1:35-2:20
		8th period	2:25-3:10

Beyond CHS

College Visits *(updated weekly in Beyond CHS)*

September 18	1:35 p.m.	Claremont-McKenna
September 28	1:35 p.m.	Washington at St. Louis
October 3	11:15 a.m.	Washington State University
	1:35 p.m.	Princeton University
October 15	9:30 a.m.	The Oregon University System (OSU, PSU, etc) Chemeketa, LBCC (all juniors and seniors attend)
October 17	1:35 p.m.	Yale University
October 18	9:30 a.m.	Whitman
October 22	11:15 a.m.	Lewis & Clark
October 30	11:15 a.m.	Univeristy of Southern California

Sign up in Beyond CHS for the visit. Students will be excused from class but they should check with their teacher. If no student signs up, the visit is cancelled.

Other College Visits and College Fairs

Representatives from **Davidson, Johns Hopkins, Swarthmore and Wesleyan** will be visiting Portland on September 5 from 7-9 p.m. at the Hilton Portland Executive Tower, 921 6th Ave., Portland. No reservations are necessary.

While Corvallis High School is having its college fair on October 9, the **National College Fair** will again be held in Portland on November 2 at the Oregon Convention Center from 9-12 p.m. and again on Saturday from 1-4 p.m. (This is also an SAT day).

The Visual and Performing Arts Fair is on October 29 at Portland State University from 7-9 p.m. This fair provides helpful information on presenting a successful portfolio which is sometimes needed for art and architectural schools.

Information can be found at this website under calendar events along with directions, a list of colleges attending (updated weekly) and other useful information.

www.nacenet.org/MemberPortal/

College Fair and Planning Night For FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS and PARENTS

College Planning Night will be held on **Tuesday, October 9 from 6:15 - 9:15 p.m.** in the library at CHS. We highly encourage sophomores and freshmen to come and learn more about all the test requirements, admission changes, appropriate classes, etc.

We have received confirmation of attendance from the following colleges - OSU, U of O, Grinnell College, Gonzaga, Marquette, Washington State, Linfield, Lewis and Clark, Eugene Bible College, Central Oregon Community College, Linn Benton Community College, Western Oregon, University of Portland, Northwest Christian College, plus there will be more as the time gets nearer.

Tentative Topics at the College Planning part that begins at 7:15 are ***What Selective Schools Look For In A Student*** - Jim Sumner, Grinnell College; ***What Colleges Are Looking For In Your Essay*** - Keith White, Marquette University, **plus *Financial Aid, So You Want To Be A College Athlete; Honors Colleges*** and other topics.

GO VISIT!!

Junior and Seniors are encouraged to go to OSU or the U of O or Linfield, or Willamette and take a college tour. Take your parents, take as many local tours as you can, this helps you make better decisions about what school is right for you!

Beyond CHS Volunteers

Volunteer orientation will be held for Beyond CHS volunteers (new and returning) on Wednesday, September 5 at 9:00 and for those that cannot attend that session on Thursday, September 6 at 1:00.

Transcripts

Transcripts are required for admission to college. Please order as many transcripts as you believe you will need at one time. The first two are free, the rest are \$2 each. All transcripts should be ordered in Beyond CHS, checks should be payable to CHS. NOTE: It takes three days to receive a transcript so please plan ahead.

Drop Date

The last day to drop a class without being responsible for the grade has been changed! **The new drop date is September 28. You will not be allowed to drop classes after this date.**

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.

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.

	Football	Other Events
Adults	\$5.00	\$5.00
Students under high school	\$4.00	\$4.00
H. S. Students (w/ID Card Only)	\$4.00	\$4.00
CHS students (w/Activity Card)	Free	Free
Visiting Students w/Activity Card)	\$2.00	\$2.00
Individual Adult Pass to all CHS/CV home game	\$35.00 (Includes children in price)	
Family (2 Adults) Pass to all CHS/CV home game	\$70.00 (Includes children in price)	

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.

Making Reading Easy: The CHS Library

Don't join the book burners. Don't be afraid to go in your library and read every book.

~ Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower ~

Thanks to Volunteers: Once again, thanks to all our parent volunteers who helped in the library/bookroom last year and at the beginning of school this year! We appreciate all of you greatly and hope to see you again! If you'd like to volunteer in the library during the school year, we'd love to have you. Contact library staff at 757-5900 or 757-5817. Library volunteer training will be held on Friday, September 14, in the library from 2:30 to 3:30. Please join us if you can, so you can meet fellow volunteers and help us save time by training you all at once.

Welcome to New Staff: Judy Westlake has replaced Mary Dean Snelling as Library Media Specialist. She will be working afternoons at CHS Library and mornings at CV Library.

Treasure Our Books

Please remember to take care of the CHS Library books and textbooks. Cover textbooks with paper covers that tape only to themselves, and not to the book. Leave pages and bookbindings clean and whole. Remember that we charge for tears, stains, or writing (except for names on the inside cover) in our books. If students see damage in books when they first check them out, they should bring the damage to the attention of one of our librarians. Protecting our textbooks is especially important this year, as we have been checking out many new copies, many of which are expensive.

New Book: *Tyrell* - Coe Booth's first book, this novel has received many positive reviews and has won the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Young Adult Fiction. The fifteen-year-old hero, Tyrell, has dropped out of school and lives with his mother and brother in a homeless shelter in the Bronx. His tough language is spot-on, and his story is fast, funny, and tough. Read this new story to see how this frustrated young man deals with all the challenges facing him.

We need your Donations

Donate Books, Magazine subscriptions or a subscription to the Oregonian to CHS Library or Bookroom: Our budget is very small this year, so we need your help.

Sports Events

Parents are encouraged to use the CHS Website for current sports schedules during each sports' season. The address is www.csd509j.net/chs. You are also welcome to call the sports hotline at 766-4877 ex. 8073. The hotline is fed every morning before 8:00am. If there are changes, it is updated between 2:00-3:00pm. All sports have last minute changes at times. Using the hotline leaves the regular office telephone lines free for necessary calls.

Boys & Girls Club

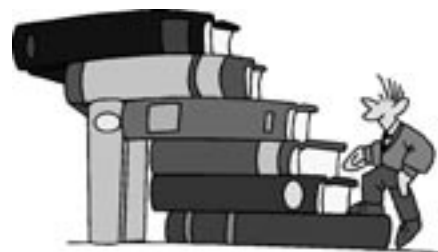
Closure Notice:

Monday, September 3 through Friday, September 7

In order to prepare for the school year, all Boys & Girls Club Programs including STARS and the After School Program will be closed.

The office will be open Thursday, September 6 and Friday, September 7 from 9:00am – 5:30pm.

Fall Clubhouse & STARS will begin Monday, Sept. 10th



- **Books:** Please remember to think of us when you are cleaning out your bookshelves. We would welcome any donations of books that our students might enjoy.
- **Textbooks:** If you choose to buy textbooks for your child, please consider donating them after your student has finished with them.
- **Magazine subscriptions:** I would like to get a few titles for students to read for pleasure or for research projects. Suggestions include Time, Science. The Nation and National Review.
- **Oregonian subscription:** This costs about \$110 for a school year.

—Judy Westlake, Librarian

757-5900 or judy.westlake@corvallis.k12.or.us

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Telephone Calling System

Corvallis School District now uses an automated calling system for school closures and emergencies. The auto-dialer has the ability to call all families in the school district or just those at a selected school or building. This new method is in addition to our other means of communication (e.g., web site, radio stations, Flash Alert), and should not be relied upon as a sole source of information.

Home numbers are used for school closures due to weather or other emergency conditions, with calls beginning at 5:30 a.m. starting with the high school families followed by elementary and then middle school. If a school is closed during the day the daytime numbers listed on student registration cards will be used.

If you wish to opt out of this calling system, please notify our district office by calling Bernie Feyerherm at 757-5811.

Media Communications

When the decision has been made to cancel school, close the district, or delay the start, we also rely on the district web site, emergency phone trees, local radio, television stations, and the web Flash Alert for notification to staff and parents. District emergency numbers are 757-5811 and 757-4555.

Another new e-mail feature this year for each of our schools is the LISTSERV. One of the ways the school LISTSERVs will be used to is to distribute individual school emergency information. For inclusion on this list, please follow the directions below.

Register password on Listserv:

1. Go to listserv.csd509j.net/listserv/
2. Click "Register on Listserv"
 - a. Enter email address
 - b. Enter desired password (twice)
 - c. Click Register Password
 - i. Open email sent from listserv and click on confirmation link

Subscribe/Unsubscribe:

1. Go to listserv.csd509j.net/listserv/
2. Click on "List Archives"
3. Click on list you want to subscribe/unsubscribe to/from
4. Select "Join or leave the list"
5. Enter your name and email address
6. Select "Join" or "Leave" at the bottom of the screen.
 - a. If joining, the listserv administrator will confirm your registration before you will receive any emails from the list.

For more information or assistance, please contact Kerry Richey, Community/Employee Relations, at kerry.richey@corvallis.k12.or.us, or 757-5724.

Receive the CHS Newsletter via email

Sign up at: listserv.corvallis.k12.or.us/mailman/listinfo/chsparents

The listserv is the electronic way to receive all CHS newsletters, notices about school events, important dates, conference scheduling and other school information.

**The Site Council ballots
have been tallied and
our 2007-08 parent
representatives are:**

**Victoria Martinez
Mary Mock
Jan Zajicek**

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.

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

Corvallis High School

September 2007

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		29	30	31
3 LABOR DAY 	4 School Begins for Freshman and new students 8 am - 3 pm	5 ALL School Begins	6 EVEN	7 ODD FIRST FRIDAY with the Principal 7:00 - 7:30 am in cafeteria
10 ODD Junior PSAT sign- up begins	11 EVEN	12 ODD Staff Meeting @ 3:30 pm	13 EVEN Student ID picture make-ups from 7:30 - 11:30 am	14 ALL
17 ODD	18 EVEN Parent Connection noon in the Band room	19 ODD CHS Open House 6:30 to 8:45 pm in cafeteria	20 EVEN	21 ALL
24 ODD	25 EVEN	26 ODD Dept Head Meeting @ 3:20 pm	27 EVEN	28 ALL