

Corvallis High School

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE; PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE



Greetings,

It is a great year to be a Spartan. I have heard over and over again this year how great a start to the year we have been having. Here are a few of the highlights:

Attendance is up – Our overall attendance rate for the year is 94.09%. This is an increase over last year and a huge step toward achieving our attendance goals for the year. We know that students learn best when they are in class, so thanks for working with us to help make sure that all of our students are learning.

Incredible success in fall sports – Our girls' soccer team finished undefeated in league and were league champions. Our boys' soccer team lost only to Woodburn and took second in league. Our Boys' cross country team was second in league. Our girls' cross country team was second in league. Our volleyball team was 5th in league (with a huge win over CV), and our football team was second in league. We had some outstanding individuals who earned all league honors, but our most significant accomplishment was the way our students worked together to reach a common goal and found team success.

In the performing arts – Twenty four CHS band students qualified through auditions this year to attend the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle next weekend, Nov 21-24. 2000+ band students from around the northwest auditioned this year for a place in one of four 165-piece honor bands. The bands will be directed by composers from around the world. Our fall choir concert was a phenomenal success. The joy of hearing all those voices raised together in song is beautiful. Our choirs looked just like our school, different colors, backgrounds, strengths, but the sound was wonderful. Our theatre students put on School Daze and a collection of student directed One Acts performed at lunch for other students. There are just so many different ways to get involved at CHS.

School morale – We had a visit from the Oregon Department of Education to look at student access to our Career and Technical Education programs. During this visit, they interviewed a group of students from different backgrounds to assess our school climate. Our school received commendations as a school from the evaluators who shared that rarely had they experienced such consistently positive statements from students about the staff. They talked about the relationship between staff and students, but even more about the relationships between students. Students said that they could go to older students for help if they needed it and that the older students would help them find something if they needed the help. Evaluators said that they had not before heard students list other students as someone that would help them and felt that that it was a credit to the school climate. Way to go Spartans!

As we transition into winter, there are new challenges and opportunities ahead. Many different cultural groups celebrate holidays during this season and, for many, this is a time of great joy and reflection. For others, however, these are difficult times remembering loved ones lost, digging out of work put off until later, or just coping with more hours of darkness and rain. Please remember to take time to talk with your kids, to ask them how they are feeling, and to listen to them when they share. We have incredible kids here, but many are hurting and need all of our support. If there is anything we can do to help support their learning, please do not hesitate to ask!

One other thing to note: our Attendance Clerk will be on leave until after Winter Break. Please continue to call 757-5888 to report excused absences, but be patient with us as we try to serve you efficiently.

—Thanks, Eric Wright

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Dates to Remember

Dec 1-12	Holiday Gift/Food Drive
Dec 3	Community Spaghetti Feed
Dec 4	Staff Appreciation Lunch
Dec 9	Financial Aid Night
Dec 11	Winter Concert
Dec 16	Parent Connection
Dec 18	Welcome Back Tea
Dec 20-Jan 4	WINTER BREAK
Jan 15	NHS Induction
Jan 16	Dental Screenings
Jan 16	School Transfer Deadline
Jan 19	NO SCHOOL
Jan 20	Parent Connection
Jan 22-23	FINALS
Jan 26-27	NO SCHOOL

District to Conduct Safe and Welcoming Schools Student Survey

In the next two months, the Corvallis School District will be conducting a student survey as part of a diversity and inclusion assessment process to determine how safe and welcoming our schools are for all students. The assessment process also included a staff survey completed last spring, and a parent survey conducted in September and October. In addition to the surveys, in the coming months we will be holding focus groups and a forum.

This project is the result of a community visioning process called the Corvallis Community Vision for Education conducted in 2006-2007 when over 1300 parents, staff, students, and community members gave input to help shape a collective vision for Corvallis schools. In the fall of 2007, the Corvallis 509J School Board approved recommendations for this vision that had several goals related to diversity and inclusion: Equity, Access, and School Choice; Global Perspective; Safe Environment; Welcoming, Inclusive Schools; and World Languages. The full report can be found on our district web site at http://www.csd509j.net/district_information/school_board/CCVE_Final.pdf.

Once the assessment process is completed, a team of staff, parents, community members, and students will create a diversity and inclusion action plan.

Parent Connection

The Staff Appreciation lunch is scheduled for December 4th. The senior class is sponsoring this lunch through meal and cash donations. Watch for specifics about this meal published on the listserv or you can contact Pat Collier at rcollier@alum.mit.edu. The monthly Parent Connection meeting is scheduled for December 16th at 12:00 noon in the CHS Band Room. The agenda includes Cathy Wright discussing the Advisor classes (what is the frequency, what is accomplished, why have an Advisor class?), Cindy Gullede describing the KidShare program and how parents can contribute to this worthy cause, and finally, Julie Williams discusses the Seminar for Sustainability. In addition, Dawn Granger presents the administrator's report early in the meeting. Join us and bring your questions! For more information, contact alesia.duncombe@gmail.com. Information about CHS from the school office, Beyond CHS, staff and parents are all sent via email through the CHS Parents Listserv. Sign up for this convenient source of news and announcements by visiting http://www.csd509j.net/chs/Parents/PC_ListServ.htm or send an email request to chsparentsmoderator@yahoo.com.

Credit Counsel

By Danny Finnen, Corvallis High School Counselor

Each year in the counseling center we interact with several parents who are quite surprised to find that their son or daughter is still listed at the same grade level as the previous year. Unlike primary and middle school students, students in high school must attain a certain number of credits to move on to the next grade level and maintain adequate progress toward graduation. It is often assumed that the student need only repeat the class they may have failed in order to get back on track for graduation. This may be true but there may be other consequences. If a student fails to complete a certain number of credits at each grade level - 6 credits to become a sophomore, 11 to be a junior, and 17 to become a senior, they will be retained. Along with disrupting their 4 year academic plan and limiting the class offerings available to them, retained students are listed in the yearbook at the same grade level they were the year before. This can be particularly painful for the student if it happens immediately before their senior year since their picture will be in the junior section. The counseling department will continue to inform students of the importance of monitoring their credit progress via student handbook/course catalogs, advisor meetings, and 8th grade orientation. Please contact us at 757-5881 if you would like further information.

New Calendar Link on School Website

Thanks to collaboration between Parent Connection and the school, we have launched a master calendar on our school website. This calendar is a living document which we hope to constantly improve with your input. It currently includes school events and a link to athletic events. We are adding home athletic events soon. Starting with this edition of our newsletter, the January calendar will be included as a hard copy. Please view the colored, 'live' calendar on the CHS website: www2.corvallis.k12.or.us/chs/

Weather may change athletic events, so be sure to double check with the website version when making plans. **If you have input or ideas for our calendar**, please contact: Alesia, our Parent Connection President at alesia.duncombe@gmail.com.

Parent Connection Meetings

- Dec 16, noon, CHS Band Room
- Jan 20, noon, CHS Band Room
- Feb 17, 7:00 pm, Room 203
- Mar 17, noon, CHS Band Room
- Apr 21, noon, CHS Band Room
- May 19, noon, CHS Band Room

Advisor Schedule Days

- December** 3 (odd), 17 (odd)
- January** 8 (even), 14 (odd), 22 (even)
- February** 5 (even), 19 (even), 25 (odd)
- March** 5 (even), 11 (odd), 19 (even)
- April** 1 (odd), 15 (odd), 23 (even), 29(odd)
- May** 7 (even), 13 (odd), 21 (even), 27(odd)

(20) Minute ADVISOR schedule

- A Block 7:40 – 9:10
- First Break 9:10 – 9:15
- B Block 9:20 – 10:50
- Passing Time. 10:50 - 10:55
- ADVISOR. 10:55 – 11:15**
- Second Break 11:15 – 11:20
- C Block 11:25 – 12:55
- Lunch 12:55 – 1:35
- D Block 1:40 – 3:10

BEYOND CHS

It's always fun to see what some of our former students are doing and so as I scanned my binoculars across the OSU band this past Saturday, I noticed a number of former CHS band members on the OSU field Saturday. Playing trumpet was Kazuki Tanaka and Brian McFadden. I also saw trombone players Mike Beilstein, Aaron Mock and Ashley Edmiston as well as tuba player Jonathan Zaworski. Sean Hunter has a new uniform looking very smart in his drum major clothes.



Career Related Requirements Update!

On October 22 during Advisor period, all students were given instructions on how to log onto CIS (Career Information System), to begin their portfolio. It is important that all students make sure they do begin that portfolio because it is how we will keep track of their state requirements in career education. We have also begun activities that the students need to fulfill per grade. If you have seen the entire list of 7th-12th grade requirements, please do not panic! Your child needs to complete items from their current year in school and forward from there. We are NOT making students catch up the years they missed.

We are beginning to go into classrooms to teach career assignments. For Freshman we are going into their English and Freshman Fitness class, either this semester or next semester. For Sophomores we will go into their Health 1 class. Juniors will see us in their US History class. Any student that takes these classes on line need to come see us personally. The rest of the activities will be given out in Advisor and once they complete the assignment, they either turn it into us or save it as part of their portfolio. Each assignment specifies how to complete the requirement.

All of the assignments are listed on the District Web Page, under Favorites, and the category is Career Learning. The assignments are under each class grade, so click on the appropriate grade level to see the activities.

You are always welcomed to contact either one of us with questions.

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School attendance areas/transfers—On-line application process

Applications for in-district transfers at grades 1-12 for the 2009-10 school year will be accepted by the Corvallis School District electronically between November 1, 2008, and January 16, 2009.

The on-line application will be available November 1, 2008 through the Corvallis School District website at 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. [Spanish language applications](#) will be available via hard copy at individual school locations and the District Office.

Any transfers submitted after the January deadline will be added to a waiting list as they arrive and held until late August when principals will have a chance to review and determine space availability. Families should enroll at their home area school until a determination is made. For more information or assistance, please call the District Receptionist at 757-5811.

BCHS - Events

December 2 – Oregon State University Honors College visit – 11:15 – Sign up in Beyond CHS

December 3 – [Apprentice in Science & Engineering Information Session](#) – 12:50 (*parents welcomed*). This is an excellent opportunity for sophomores and juniors who are good in science & math or computer programming who are looking for summer employment. In addition, students also earn credit with this opportunity. Stipends usually are around \$1,000. This is a two part application process.

December 9 – [Financial Aid Night](#) – 7:00 p.m. Auditorium – OSU Financial Aid Rep. This evening will be devoted to applying for the FAFSA, information will be given on the CSS profiles and answering questions regarding work study, grants, scholarships. I would appreciate an RSVP to judge the interest.

December 12 – Southern Oregon University – 9:30 a.m. – Sign up in Beyond CHS

December 18 – [Welcome back](#) for returning freshmen to meet our seniors – Cookies and punch at 1 pm. We will be in need of cookies, fruit trays and drinks so if you can help, please send an email to: Nancy. Shaffer@corvallis.k12.or.us

Site Council

Help? CHS Site Council needs parent members – Site Council members meet once a month from 3:30-5:30 and serve a two year term. It is composed of CHS staff, students and parents and is responsible for serving as a sounding board for the CHS community focusing on School Improvement and Staff Development. Parents interested in serving are encouraged to contact Sherry Faller at 757-5872 or e-mail her at: sherry.faller@corvallis.k12.or.us You may self nominate or nominate others. Our goal will be to list the names collected on the site council ballot and include it in the March newsletter. Ballots will be available in the office as well.



Senior All Night Party (SANP)

Tickets can be purchased anytime throughout the year. Simply fill out the form below, attach a check and turn it into the main office or with Cindy Gullede. The cost is only \$20.00 if purchased before Spring Break. After that the price goes up to \$25.00. Final time to purchase tickets will be at the door and the cost will be \$30.00. Buy now and save some money!! Just make checks payable to CV/CHS SANP.

Student Name: _____

School _____

Parents Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Volunteers are still needed!

It takes 130 volunteers from each school to have a successful and safe all night party. We recognize that work is a factor for us all- however- volunteering for a shift is a small but worthwhile personal contribution that is necessary to provide a safe sendoff for all our seniors.

If you are able help, please contact Laurie Laney (LLstampmom@aol.com) at 758-6308 or Therese Dawley (ta@dawley-web.com) at 752-2856.

Memory Collages

Senior Parents plan ahead! Gather pictures that give a reflection of your child growing up, during school, sports and other activities with family and friends. Memory collages will be displayed at the 2008 Senior All Night Party. More details will be provided in a letter home (around March/April) Questions can be directed to: AJ Campbell (ajcm4u@comcast.net) at 752-0799.

Tax-deductible Donations

Monetary donations are always welcome! Send your check to the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation, PO Box 3509J, Corvallis, OR 97339-3509 or drop payment off at 1555 SW 35th St. Make your check payable to Corvallis Public Schools Foundation. Please include a note that this is for the CV/ CHS Senior All Night Party.

Funding the SANP

You can still place orders on the Sally Foster gift wrap/food website. This is easiest to do by going to sallyfoster.com and inputting the city and state. When the related query screen comes up you can then select the CV/CHS SANP from all Corvallis groups that use Sally Foster. The SANP gets approximately 50% of the purchase (not including shipping costs). Questions can be directed to Brigid Allen (brigidwallen@comcast.net) at 753-8090.

Caps and Gowns

Your seniors should have ordered their cap and gown and checked their names for spelling errors by now. If they have not, please have them see Mrs. Gullede in the Counseling Center. Please start thinking about your students collage which will be displayed at the all night party. The collage is a collection of pictures of your student as they grew into their senior year. Also you will be asked to submit a few pictures of your student growing up to be included in the 'slide show', which is shown at the senior potluck toward the end of the year. Second semester will go so quickly; we encourage students to get as much done before the mad rush as possible.



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.

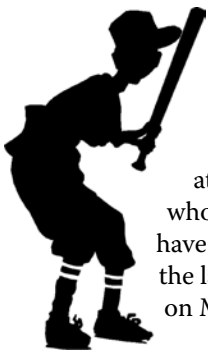
Absences may be excused at the request of a student's parent/guardian because of illness, disability, illness in the immediate family requiring the student's presence, a family emergency, religious reasons or anything the school deems appropriate (up to 5 pre-arranged absences per semester). Students 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.

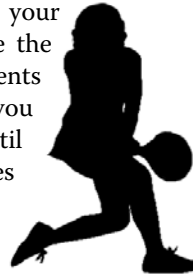
Please make arrangements with your student(s) prior to school hours about doctor and orthodontic appointments, as well as any other medical or non-medical appointments. Unless there is an emergency - all notes will be posted on student lockers as we try to avoid "reminder" notes to students. It disrupts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

—Debbie Begin



Plan Ahead for Spring Sports

If you are planning to participate in a sport this Spring and have not participated in a Fall or Winter sport, please plan to get a physical scheduled with your physician. The needed paperwork is outside the athletic office. This would apply to those students who do not have a physical on file from last year. If you have any questions, please ask now. Don't wait until the last minute: we will start clearing Spring athletes on Monday, February 9, 2009!



Congratulations to all Fall athletes!

Girl's Cross Country was Dual League Meet Champions; 2nd in the District Meet and 5th at State.

Boys' Cross Country was District Meet Champions and 9th at State. Great Job!!



Following are the all-conference recipients for Fall season:

Girls Soccer



Player of the Year: McKenzie Redberg

1st Team: Maddy Fisk; Madeline Thompson; McKenzie Redburg; Annie Spiegelberg

2nd Team: Erin Flannery; Lani Penner; Taylor Helfand

Honorable Mention: Whitney Redberg; Brenna Sussman

Boys Soccer

1st Team: Ty Callahan; Andres Nieves-Bernal; Nick Creswick;

2nd Team: Brian Cronk; Abraham Camacho; Banner Schafer

Honorable Mention: Zeit Cai; Chris Bolt~



Volleyball

1st Team: Tamiko Perry

2nd Team: Kirby Floyd



Honorable Mention: Megan Graymka



Football

1st Team: Tonu Caspino (Defense); Vinnie Grosso (Defense); Jason Martin (Defense); Jason Martin (Offense); Dominic Wooten (Offense)

2nd Team: Dustin Shear (Offense & Defense); Joe Challe (Defense); Dominic Wooten (Kick Returner); Josh Woods (Offense)

3rd Team: Tonu Caspino (Offense); Travis Weiland (Defense); Ross Orman (Place Kicker & Quarterback); Spencer Huddleston (Offense)

Honorable Mention: Cory England; Chase Patton; Adam Zweber

Dan Finnen: Coach of the Year!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CORVALLIS

Boys and Girls Club

- **The Clubhouse After-School Program** is open to all MEMBERS, grades 1-12, 2:45 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25/year.
- **The Clubhouse Teen Program** is open to all MEMBERS in grades 6-12 on days when there is NO SCHOOL, from 1-6 p.m. This month's dates are Dec. 22nd–23rd and Dec. 29th–31st.
- **The Club will be closed** Dec. 25th–26th, as well as Jan. 1st–2nd, and will close early at 3:00 p.m. on Dec. 24th.
- **Special Events:** Art Exhibit: Dec. 16th–17th. Stocking Drawing: Dec. 12th at 4:45 p.m.
- **The Club is now open Saturdays** from 2-5 p.m., pending there is no facility rental that weekend.
- **Register** for all programs online at www.bgccorvallis.org.



Japanese Students

Every other year, CHS hosts (25-26) high school students visiting from Nichidai, Toyko. This year, they will arrive on Saturday, March 28th and leave on Friday, April 3rd. In the past, we have paired these students up with CHS students and families willing to host them in their homes for the week long stay.

Are you interested in being one of those families? If so, please call Gretchen Cuevas at #757-3824 or e-mail her at gretchen.cuevas@corvallis.k12.or.us. Once we establish who the host families will be, we will schedule a meeting (in early March) to share more in-depth information. Please think about this - because it's a wonderful opportunity for those interested to experience different cultures/ways of life.....

New SIS

Corvallis School District's transition to new Student Information System (SIS) software has presented some challenges for staff, students and parents during the first few months of school. But things are getting better.

SIS-provider Linn Benton Lincoln ESD (LBL) reports that progress is being made every day, thanks in large part to the hard work of the registrar and counselors and other staff at Corvallis High School. "Anyone who has been through a software transition understands how difficult and time consuming it can be. We really appreciate the efforts and dedication of CHS staff," LBL Superintendent Susan Waddell says. Initially, issues regarding student schedules and attendance created serious concerns for several parents and students. These issues have been our highest priority and they have been addressed.

Despite the challenges, there are a number of benefits to the new SIS. For parents, a big benefit is the Parent Internet Viewer (PIV). The PIV enables parents and students the ability to track student progress, attendance, grades, missing assignments and more – from anywhere with internet access. PIV is a part of the Pinnacle operating system and not a separate or new program. If you don't already have PIV access, please contact the school office.

For Corvallis School District and CHS, the benefits of the new SIS include an industry-leading gradebook, easy-to-navigate database, point-and-click attendance, data analysis tools, and more. "These benefits – as well as the realization that it was time to 'retire' the existing 25-year-old SIS – motivated school superintendents in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties to move forward with the new web-based LBL SIS," Waddell says.

For more information please visit: <http://www.lblesd.k12.or.us/sis/index.php>

FREE Dental Screenings

On Friday, January 16, volunteer dentists and Corvallis School District nurses will be at Corvallis High School conducting dental screenings. The screenings will occur during your child's open block schedule.

If your child is not currently covered by dental insurance and finances are an issue, please consider having your child receive the free dental screening on this date. The screening will consist of a quick exam to determine if your child has any visible tooth decay, or has any complaints of dental pain.

If you are interested in having your high school (up to age 19) child receive the dental screening, please notify your child to come to the appropriate location (determined at a later date) during their open block. If your child attends the screening and is in need of further dental treatment, one of the Corvallis School nurses will contact you. There are services within Corvallis that offer free dental treatment to children that qualify.

If you have other children in your household, between the ages of 5 and 18, who are not covered by dental insurance, please contact Corvallis School nurse, Mardi Henke, to receive more information about the free dental programs within the district. Her contact phone number is: 740-5466.

—*Thank you for your cooperation, Christine Kulonis, R.N., Angela Edwards, R.N.*

Mardi Henke, R.N., Corvallis School District Nurses

Health Room Information

Oregon State requires all students be immunized against several diseases. Some letters have been sent reminding parents that their students need vaccines. More letters will be sent in the next few weeks, letting parents know what vaccines their student may need. A letter will also be sent if we have not received records from a student's former school. It is the parents responsibility to provide the immunization dates. Please call Cindy Gulledge at 757-5910 if you have questions. Students may be excluded from school if they are not in compliance with the law.

Holiday Gift and Food Drive

The Leadership class is sponsoring a Holiday Gift Drive and a Holiday Food Drive through advisor classes. One goal is to fill the principal's office with canned food between November 17th and December 12th! Please come by and peek at our progress. Hopefully she will have to move out for a few days! We will use the food to make food baskets for our own CHS families in need and also donate food to the Linn Benton Food Bank. Our other goal is to provide CHS students in need with gifts. The Gift Drive will start on December 3rd, when students learn what their sponsored student and family need for the holidays. On the 12th of December we will gather all the gifts, money and food together. The weekend of December 13th and 14th Leadership students and parent volunteers will do a little shopping, sorting and wrapping and put together gift and food baskets for some of our own needy students and their families just in time for the winter holiday. The baskets will be ready for pick up on December 17th. Please consider helping out by donating canned food for the food drive, specific gifts, gift cards or cash to buy gift cards, food and gifts. If you know of a student or family in need, please contact Linda Keller in the Counseling Department at 757-5881. Checks may be made payable to CHS Leadership with Holiday Drive written on the memo line. Your student should receive information pertaining to a specific family their advisor class is sponsoring on December 3rd, however if you have any questions please contact the Leadership class at holidaydrive@chsleadership.com Cathy Wright at cathy.wright@corvallis.k12.or.us or Jane Kiekel at jane.kiekel@corvallis.k12.or.us Thanks in advance for your generosity!



Making Reading Easy: The CHS Library/Bookroom

"...as parents, we need to find the time and the energy to step in and find ways to help our kids love reading. We can read to them, talk to them about what they're reading and make time for this by turning off the TV ourselves. Libraries can help parents with this."

—Barack Obama

Bookroom/Library Thank You!

Thank you to our volunteers, who each donate a few hours every week to CHS Library: Tanya Beckman, Mary Ellen Brown, Pat Collier, Simone Frei, Laurie Holst, Lynne Kane, Kay Lilley, Manette McClain, Sally Olson-Edge, Maureen Puettmann, David Razey, and Melinda Winograd.

Throughout the year we continue to have opportunities for volunteers in the library—checking out books, processing new ones and repairing those in need, shelving, keeping shelves in order, etc. Please call library staff (757-5900) to volunteer, or drop by when time allows. Thank you!!

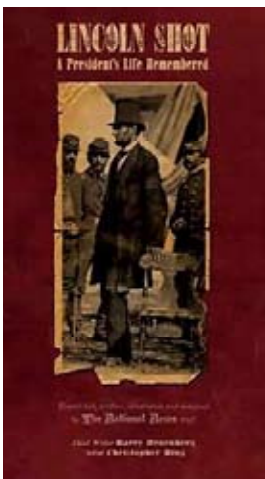
Semester Change

The first semester ends on January 23 and the second semester starts right away on January 28, 2009. This makes a very quick turnaround to get books checked in and checked out again. As a result, we will be looking for volunteers to help on January 22 and 23, plus January 28, 29, and 30. Please plan ahead to assist us on any of these dates, if possible. Watch for an email to sign up or contact library staff.

Treasure Our Books

Students will return or renew textbooks when the semesters change. Please help students find and return their first semester textbooks and overdue library books as soon as they are no longer needed. If students are missing a book, please have them contact library staff now. Students will not be able to check out new books for the second semester if they have overdue or missing books. If students cannot locate their student ID card they should drop by the Attendance Office to obtain a new card for \$5.00. Current ID is required to check out books for the next semester.

We do charge for damages, especially to our brand new books, so please remind students to remove extra papers or sticky notes, and erase any marks from their books. For that matter, when students receive books at the start of the new semester, please remind them that all textbooks should be covered with a sturdy paper cover and treated gently.



New: Lincoln Shot: A President's Life

Chief Writer, Barry Denenberg,

Artist, Christopher Bing

This highly recommended book about Abraham Lincoln is a big deal. Not only is it 12 by 18 inches in size, but its extraordinary story and engaging graphics make it a very valuable contribution to works about Lincoln. Presenting itself as a special memorial edition of "The National News," the book features old-fashioned typefaces, stained and yellow engravings, and period photographs. In addition, a sharp analysis of Lincoln's life and death is presented, including his boyhood, family life, political career, the presidency, Civil War, and his assassination. The unusual design of this book makes it highly memorable. What a great way to feel like you are there!

Please watch out for missing CHS Library and Textbooks

Some titles walked out of the library last year without being checked out. If you find any around the house, please have your student bring them in. We will not penalize them, and will be very glad to have these materials back.

Please Donate Books to CHS Library or Bookroom

Please think of CHS Library when birthdays and other gift-giving occasions occur, and give us a book in honor of your loved one. In addition, please remember to think of us when you are cleaning out your bookshelves. We would welcome any donations of books that are in good condition and that our students might enjoy. If you buy textbooks for your child, please consider donating them after your student has finished with them.

Please also continue to donate student supplies that students can borrow while in the library (markers, rulers, glue sticks, colored pens or pencils, highlighters, tape, etc.). Since our budget is small, students and staff depend on your donations.

Book Reviews: We include a book review in every newsletter during the school year. Please let library staff know if your student would like to submit a review for consideration.

Chess Sets Needed: This year the library will be offering the opportunity for students to play chess at lunch. Does anyone have an extra set to donate? Thanks to Peyton Amberg for donating three sets so far!

- We are also looking for donations of the following:
- A one year subscription for the Oregonian (about \$100) or the Wall Street Journal
- A one year subscription to these magazines:
 - The Nation
 - National Review
 - US News and World Report
 (Thanks to Mary Mock for donating a subscription to Time!)

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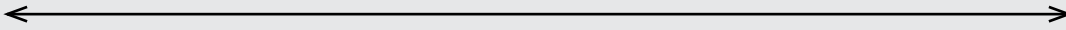

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Corvallis High School

December 2008

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 ODD	2 EVEN	3 ODD ADVISOR Staff Meeting 3:30 pm in the Library Spaghetti Feed @ 5:30 in cafeteria	4 EVEN	5 ALL The Nutcracker Ballet @ 7:30 pm
8 ODD	9 EVEN Financial Aid Night @ 7 pm	10 ODD Dept Chair meeting 3:30 pm in staff dining room	11 EVEN Winter Assembly - see altered bell schedule Winter Concert @7 pm	12 ALL Improv Troupe- Main stage @ 5:30pm
15 ODD	16 EVEN Parent Connection meeting at noon in Band room	17 ODD ADVISOR Site Council Mtg. @ 3:30 pm PD Focus Staff meeting	18 EVEN	19 ALL
22	23	24	25	26
NO SCHOOL 				
29	30	31		
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Corvallis High Calendar

January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 WINTER BREAK Athletics	29 WINTER BREAK Athletics	30 WINTER BREAK Athletics	31 WINTER BREAK Athletics New Year's Eve	1 WINTER BREAK Athletics New Year's Day (Fed)	2 WINTER BREAK Athletics	3 Athletics
4 Athletics First Quarter	5 Athletics ODD	6 Athletics EVEN	7 Athletics ODD	8 Athletics 3:30 pm -4:30 pm Staff Mtg/Library EVEN-Advisor	9 Athletics All-Pep Assembly (Sch 4)	10 Athletics
11 Athletics Full Moon	12 Athletics ODD	13 Athletics EVEN	14 Athletics 3:30 pm -4:30 pm Dept Chair Mtg-Staff Dining Rm ODD-Advisor	15 Athletics EVEN	16 Athletics ALL All State Orch/Band/Choir in Eugene	17 Athletics All State Orch/Band/Choir in Eugene
18 Athletics All State Orch/Band/Choir in Eugene Last Quarter	19 Athletics ML King Day (Fed) No School	20 Athletics 12:00 pm -1:00 pm PC Mtg/Band Rm EVEN Inauguration Day (Fed)	21 Athletics 3:30 pm -3:30 pm Prof Dev Staff Mtg ODD	22 Athletics Semester Finals-periods 2,4,6,8	23 Athletics Semester Finals-periods 1,3,5,7	24 Athletics SAT
25 Athletics	26 Athletics New Moon No School	27 Athletics No School	28 Athletics 3:30 pm -4:30 pm Site Council Mtg/Staff Dining Rm ALL First Day 2nd Semester	29 Athletics EVEN	30 Athletics ODD	31 Athletics