

Corvallis High School

A tradition of excellence; preparation for the future

From the Principal:

CHS is off to a great start for 2009 and second semester. Students worked hard preparing for final exams and completing projects and presentations for their first semester classes. I have been delighted to be able to observe some of these. Being out in the building with your students is my favorite place to spend my time. I learn so much!

I had the opportunity to meet with interested students at lunch a few weeks ago. This was an opportunity for us to discuss whatever was on their minds. They had questions about the amount of casual seating available on campus, what was available in our vending machines, the legacy our first graduating class of this building (2009) will leave, Advisor, what we could do to get more artwork on campus, and where specific groups gathered on campus. I learned a lot about how students perceive many issues and will be looking for more ways to interact with a wide variety of our students.

As you can tell, student voice is something I feel strongly about. I meet monthly with the elected representatives from each class. This semester at CHS we will be selecting student representatives from our Advisor groups to begin a student council program. I have been meeting with student leadership and we determined that a student council was an important part of what we want for CHS. The council will be responsible for facilitating communication from students to the administration and staff. They will meet during the advisor period so no class time will be missed. They will have the ability to influence practice and policy at our school. It is important that student voice be heard and I am so happy that we will be beginning a formal process to make that happen. The council will only meet by grade level and only twice this year, but we will grow that next year and build upon our success.

The budget woes have been a topic of concern for everyone. Just as I was planning on presenting the input inquiry for next year's budget we learned that this year's budget had to be cut. Those initial cuts were made from our supply and substitute funds. It appears as though further cuts may need to be made. If that is the case the decisions made by the district will guide CHS as we weather the financial storm. In preparation for any cuts we have curtailed expenditures and are freezing some accounts.

I wanted to take this opportunity to ask for input on this year's cuts and to also remind you that there is still input being taken on the budget at CHS for next year. We are hoping to preserve our community's priorities as our resources dwindle. The forum for this input is the Parent Connection (PC). The next meeting is at 7 pm on February 17th. You may also email me at dawn.granger@corvallis.k12.or.us if you cannot make the PC meeting.

I would like to welcome Deborah Lindsay as our new Site Council parent representative. This group of parents, staff, and students meets monthly to guide Corvallis High School in achieving our school goals. We have two goals for improvement, one in literacy, and one in school climate. Deborah will be joining us in March. We had discussed possibly having an election, but one was not needed.

As spring approaches, so, too, does testing time. Please encourage your 10th grade students, to participate to the best of their ability for our state assessments. It is our goal to test 100% of all students designated by the state of Oregon. In the past we have had some difficulty with this due in part to poor student attendance. Your help in making our goal a reality would be greatly appreciated. If you have testing questions, please contact Donna Keim, our testing coordinator, at 541-757-5799. She can tell you when your child is scheduled to be assessed and which tests he or she is scheduled to take. You may also contact your student's counselor at 541-757-5881. They can advise you on questions pertaining to your individual student.

As we move into second semester I reflect with great satisfaction upon my first term here at CHS. Our excellent staff are pulling together to educate and motivate

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Dates to Remember

Feb 7	ACT exams
Feb 11	Early Release
Feb 16	SCHOOL IN SESSION
Feb 17	Parent Connection
Feb 23	Spring Sports begins
Feb 27	Sadie Hawkins Dance
March 9	Winter Sports Dessert
March 9	Spring Sports Photos taken
March 11-14	The WIZ
Apr 9-10	Spring Conferences
May 4-13	AP Exams

every student. They are meeting and collaborating, sharing their best strategies and examining their efforts to improve student success. Not surprisingly, our students have excelled in more than academics and athletics. They have reached out to our community through food drives, campus and neighborhood clean ups, local volunteerism, and other meaningful service learning projects. Their attendance rate has been much better than last year. They seem to want to participate and it shows. Never is there a dull moment here. Those of you who volunteer here know what I am talking about and you make it possible. Without the hundreds if not thousands of hours you dedicate to our school, some students might have their needs unmet. Thank you for all you do to make the magic that is Corvallis High happen every block, every day.

Here is to warmer weather and a bright sunny spring!

—Dawn Granger, CHS Principal

Snow Make-Up Day

Schools in the Corvallis School District will be open on Feb. 16 (Presidents Day) to make up for one of the school days lost during the week of Dec. 15-19 due to snow closures. The date appears on the 2008-09 school calendar as a non-school day for students and school staff, but the district had always reserved the day as a possible snow make-up day.

Monday, Feb 16th – ALL Day

Tuesday, Feb 17th – EVEN Day

Wednesday, Feb 18th – ODD Day

Thursday, Feb 19th – EVEN Day

Friday, Feb 20th – ODD Day

School District officials are still considering whether to extend the end of the school year to make up the other two days that were cancelled due to the inclement weather. We will share that decision with you once it is made.

The WIZ

Corvallis High School's new musical production, The Wiz, is a contemporary version of the Wizard of Oz with a R & B/Rock & Roll soundtrack. There are over 100 students involved in acting, orchestration and technical positions in this show from Corvallis High School, Crescent Valley High School, Franklin (K-12), Ashbrook, and Jefferson Elementary. The show opens on Wednesday, March 11 through Saturday, March 14 with performances at 7pm. There are 2pm matinees on Saturday and Sunday March 14 & 15. Tickets will be \$10 general admission and \$8 student/seniors. Tickets will be sold at the door, at Gracewinds Music in Corvallis and online at corvallis theaters.com. Tickets will go on sale the last week of February. Directed by CHS's new drama teacher Laura Braibish, with musical direction by Brett Godfrey of CHS and Bryce Cloyd of CV, and choreography by Jenna Loggerwell, a CHS alum, the show promises to be a spectacular performance that will entertain audience members of all ages!



CHS Still Seeking Host Families for Japanese Students

Corvallis High School will be hosting 24-26 students from Nichidai High School in Japan the week of March 28th through April 3rd, 2009. We are looking for 12 or 13 families that would be interested in hosting a pair of students during their stay. We have had several volunteers and are now seeking homestays for female students. The students would attend classes at CHS for four days and there would be a couple of group activities also. The kids are especially eager to have English conversation, do some American cooking and just experience the American way of life. If you have a little extra room and would be willing to host a pair of students, please contact Gretchen Cuevas at CHS @ 757-3824 or email to gretchen.cuevas@corvallis.k12.or.us

Student/Parent Directory

Parents; the 2008-09 student/parent directory is back from the print shop and ready for disbursement. You may pick them up in the CHS Main office or with Nancy Shaffer in Beyond CHS. Remember, they are free to all parent connection members. However, they will cost \$2.00 for all non-parent connection members. For those new to CHS, this is a wonderful booklet that includes student and parent names, addresses and home telephone numbers. We hope you will utilize this resource as much as we do. Thanks!

Spring Conferences

Parents, our spring parent-teacher conferences are quickly approaching. CHS will conference from 12:00-8:00 on Thursday, April 9th and from 8:00-12:00 on Friday, April 10th. To accommodate most parent work schedules, we will continue a combination of scheduled and drop-in conferences. All conferences are (10) minutes in length and will be located in the cafeteria commons area. You may begin calling the CHS main office at 7:30 am on Monday, March 30th to schedule those conference appointments. Feel free to call Sherry Faller at 757-5872 if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks!

(3) Hour Early Release Day

Wednesday, Feb 11, 2009

ALL Day

1st period 7:40 – 8:08 (28 minutes)

2nd period 8:13 – 8:41 (28 minutes)

3rd period 8:46 – 9:15 (29 minutes)

4th period 9:20 – 9:48 (28 minutes)

Morning Break 9:48 – 9:58 (10 min.)

5th period 10:03 – 10:31 (28 minutes)

6th period 10:36 – 11:04 (28 minutes)

7th period 11:09 – 11:37 (28 minutes)

8th period 11:42 – 12:10 (28 minutes)

Lunch 12:10 – 12:50

Busses arrive to transport students

After School Activities

By Josh Miller, CHS Counselor

Does your student come home from school and raid your fridge, play video games and then take a long nap? Do you fear what your student is up to, who they are with, and what they might be doing on the internet while you are at work? Are you fearful that your student represents a slice of our culture that is heading towards the abyss of mindless entertainment? One way to avoid this is through after school activities. Studies show that students involved in afterschool programs learn the lifelong skill of time management.

This fall I had the privilege of coaching the freshman football team. I can't tell you how impressed I was with the bonds that were formed on our team. Most, if not all, of my freshman football players were passing classes with "C's" or better. This can also be said in regards to other activities such as Band, Choir, Robotics and countless other clubs. A benefit of being involved is to show colleges that your student is well rounded and not rounded like a couch potato!

The course catalog contains a list of sports, clubs and activities along with contact information. You can also access this information on the Corvallis High School website at <http://www.csd509j.net/chs/>. If you have questions or want some help in getting your student involved please give us a call at 541-757-5881.

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.

HP Donations

I would like to thank Corvallis HP for the donation of equipment worth \$3,167.00. Nine laser printers will help reduce printing costs and 4 LCD monitors will increase the number of student stations available for class research projects in the library. I especially want to thank Daren Burt for organizing parents in this endeavor and the following parents for their donations: Stephen Albright, Daren Burt, Rich Duncombe, John McPheeters, Karen McPheeters, and Rod Williams.

—Andy Collins Tech Support

Health Room Information:

The Health Department has received the review information required by state law. There is still time to have your student immunized before the exclusion letters are sent. Exclusion letters will be sent on February 4 and exclusion day is February 14. Please have your student bring documentation to the health room after receiving their vaccine(s) so they can be cleared with the health department. If they receive an exclusion letter, they must be cleared through the health department. Please call Cindy Gulledder at 757-5910 if you have questions or concerns.

Expanded Options Program

The 2005 Oregon Legislature enacted Senate Bill 300, which created the Expanded Options program. Students accepted into the program may take college classes at Linn-Benton Community College as part of their high school experience. This year's sophomores and juniors may apply to be a part of the district's Expanded Options program during the 2009-10 school year. All students may apply, but if student demand for credits exceeds the number of credits offered by the district, Expanded Options gives priority to students classified as at-risk.

Students who wish to apply to be a part of the Expanded Options program next year must fill out an application and obtain a school counselor's approval for the application prior to May 15. Complete information about the Expanded Options program and the application form are available in the counseling office as well as on the following school district website:

http://www.csd509j.net/district_information/departments_and_services/extended_learning/expandedoption.html

Advisor Schedule Days

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

Senior All Night Party (SANP)

VOLUNTEERS

We still need CHS parents to fill lead slots in planning YOUR Senior's All Night Party. Volunteers are still needed for: Yearbook. This person is in charge of checking in/out student yearbooks at the party.

Sign up to help out at the Senior All Night Party— and the earlier you sign up, the more choices you have! There is something to do for everyone - CHS needs to supply over 100 parent volunteers to help make this a fun and safe event for our seniors. If you are able to help out on the night of June 8th, contact Theresa Dawley (ta@dawley-web.com) or Laurie Laney (LLstampmom@aol.com) The SANP fundraising committee has received two gift certificates that we would like to raffle off to all students that have paid for their SANP ticket by March 20 (Spring Break). One is for \$50 to Mr. Formal (for a boy) and the second is for \$25 to American Eagle (for a girl).

TICKETS

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 Gulledge. 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: _____

MEMORY COLLAGES

Start collecting pictures now for your senior's "memory collage". Memory collages will be displayed at the 2008 Senior All Night Party. Gather pictures that give a reflection of your child growing up, during school, sports and other activities with family and friends. More details will be provided in a letter home (around March/April) as well as in future CHS newsletters. Questions can be directed to: Sunita Vasdev (sunita_vasdev@hotmail.com)

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 Senior All-Night Party account #355744 from all Corvallis groups that use Sally Foster. The SANP gets approximately 50% of the purchase (not including shipping costs).

Tax-deductible Donations

Monetary donations are always welcome! Please make payments to the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation. Send or your drop payment off at 1555 SW 35th St. Please include a note that this is for the CV/ CHS Senior All Night Party.

Hello Senior Parents,

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. Gulledge 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.



Is Your Senior Ready For Graduation?

By Deborah Lund

Please review the following list to make sure your son or daughter is ready for graduation in the Spring.

- Have you seen your senior's academic transcript?
- Has your senior failed or been credit denied in any semester one classes? If so make an appointment to see your counselor ASAP.
- Has your senior seen Cindy Gulledge in Student Services regarding Cap & Gown orders and the Senior Graduation Packet?
- Does your senior have questions regarding the career related standards, including the Extended Application? If so they can make an appointment with Donna Keim or Scott Lasswell .
- Have you and your senior begun the FAFSA application? Any questions or concerns contact Nancy Shaffer in Beyond CHS.

As always if you or your child has any questions regarding class schedule, graduation status, or any issue not addressed above please come into the counseling office to make an appointment with your counselor.

Parent Connection

Parent Connection will hold the second evening meeting of the school year this month. Come join us on February 17th at 7:00 pm in Room 203 to provide parent input to the CHS Budget Process. Assistant Principals Eric Wright and Alicia Ward will discuss the 2009/10 CHS Budget process and solicit feedback from parents on what areas of the budget are most important to them.

Parent Connection Meetings

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

News from Beyond CHS

Common Application – Seniors

Many seniors applied using the common application. They are required to send a mid-year report from their counselor as soon as grades come out. Please make sure they see the counseling office to get these reports. They should be to the schools by the second week in February. Also, an updated transcript needs to be sent so they can be ordered in Beyond CHS, students pay \$2 and they pick them up and mail them. The should be ordered before semester break.

SAT, ACT, SAT Subject tests

By now juniors should have registered either for ACT or SAT, if you need more information, please come to Beyond CHS. Subject tests are tests taken after a student completes a specific class. Students should take these tests after they complete college/alg trig or precalculus, or Spanish 4 or AP US History etc. if they think they might be applying to select schools. Again, information is available in Beyond CHS. Fee waivers are available for students who are on free and reduced lunch. **ACT** Given at CHS for those signed up, February 7 – ID required – 8:00 a.m. –no later

AP Exams

The AP Exams will be given The Week of May 4 through May 13. There is a \$95 fee for each exam. The nonrefundable deposit for each exam is \$15 and may be paid in Beyond CHS. Checks should be payable to CHS and deposits can done starting February 2 – March 19. Staff who teach AP, I would like to come and visit with your students about the AP exams.

We will only give the following tests at CHS. If you student is taking AP Spanish at Crescent Valley, they will need to pay their fee to Nancy Pliskin at CV and take that exam at Crescent Valley.

The balance for each exam is \$80 and is due by April 30. Physics requires two full payments but we have decided to reduce the second exam by \$11. So Physics Mechanics is \$95 and Physics Electricity & Magnetism is \$84 (each requiring a \$15 deposit). All students taking AP Physics whether CV or CHS will pay in Beyond CHS. Students on free or reduced lunch should see me directly.

All Morning exams begin at 7:30 a.m., All PM exams begin at 12:00 noon. Rooms will be announced the week before exams.

Monday, May 4 A.M.	US Government & Politics
Monday, May 4 P.M.	French Language
Tuesday, May 5 P.M.	Statistics
Wednesday, May 6 A.M.	Calculus AB & BC
Thursday, May 7 A.M.	English Literature & Composition
Thursday, May 7 A.M.	German Language
Friday, May 8 A.M.	US History
Friday, May 8 P.M.	European History
Monday, May 11 A.M.	Biology
Monday, May 11 P.M.	Physics B
Monday, May 11 P.M.	Physics C: Mechanics; Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Tuesday, May 12 A.M.	Chemistry
Tuesday, May 12 A.M.	Environmental Science (no we do not have this class but sometimes a student will study for it and we can administer it)
Tuesday, May 12 P.M.	Psychology
Wednesday, May 13 P.M.	English Language & Composition

If you have an athletic conflict, you will be able to take a test late but there is a \$40 late fee, see Nancy. If you have two tests scheduled at the same time, see Nancy.

College Visits:

Portland State, Tuesday, January 20 at 1:30
 Marines – January 21 at 12:50 – ROTC info for juniors and seniors
 Oregon Institute of Technology – January 29 at 12:50
 Oregon Cascades – January 30 at 9:30
 Linfield – February 2 at 11:15

Junior Interviews

We are starting to interview juniors regarding their plans for next year and after high school. Students will be receiving a note on their locker whether or not they use their locker. We make sure the students know how to use the room, how to check out study guides, how to get letters of recommendation, what standardized tests they should sign up for etc. We do not send out the notices all at once but if your student wants an interview soon, they can just come in during their off block.

College Now

There is still confusion over what College Now is – students that take a class at CHS and the teacher has been approved by LBCC may receive college credit for a one time fee of \$25. It is not just for LBCC. Many schools across the country accept these credits and we have a number of students enter college with enough credits to give them almost sophomore standing saving a lot of money. Applications are in Beyond CHS. When students register for classes, it will be noted in their course catalog which classes they can earn College Now credit. Their teacher will tell them the specific requirements for each class.

Evening Parking at CHS

This is just a friendly reminder that there are certain places at CHS that are designated as parking areas and others that are not. These designations are for evening events as well as for during the school day. Vehicles found parked in fire lanes, non-parking areas, on sidewalks, etc. may be towed at the owners' expense. Please be sure to utilize the official parking spaces only.



SPARTAN SPORTS

Plan Ahead

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. This would apply to those students who do not have a physical on file from last year or it has been two years since their last physical. The code of conduct form, transportation form and physical form are all located outside the athletic office. Don't wait until the last minute! We will start clearing spring athletes Monday, February 9th. Practice begins on Monday, February 23. Cost this year for sports is \$150; if this is your student's third sport of the year, the cost is only \$100. Questions: 757-5917.

Spartan Spring Sports

Baseball (Varsity/JV/Freshman)	Coach: Eric Dazey	757-3801
Softball (Varsity/JV)	Coach: Mark James	541-848-2083
Boys/Girls Track	Coach: Mark Hulburt	928-9544
Girls Tennis	Coach: Andy Hackethorn	753-5321
Boys Tennis	Coach: Ken Stevenson	745-7127
Girls Golf	Coach: David Zajicek	231-7778
Boys Golf	Coach: Marc Arey	760-3857
Girls Lacrosse	Coach: Safiyah Phady	503-481-1283
Boys Lacrosse	Coach: Josh Parker	753-441

Once the games/events begin in March, we will be using the hotline for updates on rainouts in Baseball, Softball, and Tennis. Track, Golf, and Lacrosse play rain or shine. The hotline phone number is 766-4877 ext. 8073. We will update the hotline daily by 9:00 listing the events for the day. We will update it again around 2:00-2:30pm regarding event rain outs.

Winter Sports Recognition

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Winter Sports Dessert on Monday, March 9th. We will start with dessert at 6:30pm and move into the auditorium at 7:00pm. This event, which is sponsored by the school and the Spartan Booster club, is to recognize the students who have participated in team sports during the Winter season. We encourage everyone to attend and to bring a dessert to feed 6-8 people.



Spring Sports Pictures

Spring Sports will have their pictures taken during practice on Monday, March 9th. 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 picture. Anyone wanting to order a Booster Button needs to fill out the half sheet and pay during the time of pictures. Checks can be made out to CHS Booster Club. The cost of each Booster Button is \$3.00. This is a great way to support Booster Club and your athlete. Please have button order forms filled out by picture day. Coaches will be giving order forms to athletes during practice.

IMPACT

Students of Corvallis High Get Involved: Several students of Corvallis High School have volunteered on a special Martin Luther King Jr. service project. The OSU *IMPACT program has graciously allowed students to come in and actively participate with the IMPACT students. The CHS students will work with the Masters Program students to develop a sports skill/physical activity program to run during the IMPACT program. Martin Luther King Jr's theme of inclusion and equality has been the main idea behind the project. With OSU IMPACT program participation both CHS students and IMPACT participants have been given the opportunity to interact with their peers in an educational and active situation. Both groups of individuals highly benefited from this experience. The CHS students that participated are: Chris Becker, Miko Perry, Isaac Camacho, Annissa Orozco, Katie Zajicek, Elizabeth Harbaugh, Collin Peterson, Alina Pham and Jack Sattel. The Service Project was held on the 23rd of Jan.

*IMPACT is a program run by OSU Health and Human Science Department. It is a physical activity program involving individuals from age 2-21 with mental or physical disabilities.

Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis February News

- 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 only date is Feb. 16th.
- The Club will open at 12:00 p.m. on Feb. 11th due to early release from school.
- The Club is now open Saturdays from 2-5 p.m., if there is no facility rental that weekend.
- Register for all programs online at www.bgccorvallis.org.

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 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 for each of our schools, is the **LISTSERV**. Besides sending out important school information, the **LISTSERV** will be used to alert parents about 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.

Attendance

If your child has been or will be absent, please call the CHS Attendance Office at 757-5888 **within 48 hours**. 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.

If a class is missed, clear excused absences in a timely fashion by calling to give the **exact date of absence**, time of day and please **spell the student's name clearly**.

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. All notes will be posted on student lockers as we try to avoid "reminder" notes to students. It disrupts class time.

—Debbie Begin

Schools offer nutritious meals to children caught in bad economy

A lot has changed for families in Corvallis over the last three months as a result of the strained economy. Some people have lost their job, while others are facing future layoffs. Many have been forced to tighten their belts to be able to pay their bills and stay in their homes. But parents don't need to worry about their children eating well. The Corvallis School District's Food Services department reports struggling families can enroll their students at any time for Free and Reduced Price Meals. A family of four can receive free meals if their monthly income is \$2,297 or less. They would qualify for reduced prices if their income is no more than \$3,269. Families who didn't qualify or who didn't think they needed the program in September may be struggling now. Food services supervisor Marv Newcombe says he is eager to help these families get the assistance they need to provide their children with a least two hot and nutritious meals a day. Families that qualify for free and reduced meals are urged to apply for the program even if they might not always take advantage of them. Our schools receive additional federal funding for educational purposes based on the number of students enrolled in the Free and Reduced Meals program. Complete details on whether a family qualifies for free or reduced meals are included on the application forms which are available at each school or on the Food Services page of the district's web site. If a family has experienced the loss of a job, students will likely qualify for 45 days of free meals by calling the Food Services Department at 757-5903.

Making Reading Easy: The CHS Library/Bookroom

"I was the kind of kid whose parents would drop him off at the local town library on their way to work, and I'd go and work my way through the children's area."

—Matt Damon, actor

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, Garnet Kermoyan, Kay Lilley, Manette McClain, Sally Olson-Edge, Maureen Puettmann, David Razy, Melinda Winograd and Debra Zahnle.

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!!

Was Your Student Able to Check Out 2nd Semester Books?

Thanks to volunteers who helped during the semester change! We could not have done it without you!

Please check with your student to make sure they were able to get books for the new semester. To have done so, they needed to have:

- Returned all first semester textbooks and overdue library books, or paid for them
- Paid for all damage charges
- A current student ID card. If their ID card is lost or outdated, they should drop by the attendance office to obtain a new card for \$5.00

Help us ensure that all students are able to check out the books they need for the second semester!

Treasure Our Books

We do charge for damages, especially to our new books. Please remind students to cover their new semester textbooks with a sturdy paper cover, not write in them, and treat them gently.

New: Dark Dude

*By Oscar Hijuelos, Pulitzer Prize winner,
National Book Award Nominee*

Rico Fuentes, 15, who calls himself the "palest Cubano who ever existed on the planet," runs away from a troubled life in Harlem. He ends up in Wisconsin, where he struggles to discover his identity. This highly recommended book is the first teen novel written by Oscar Hijuelos, author of the prize-winning adult book *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*. Teen readers will quickly identify with Rico's struggles to find acceptance from others and, more important, from himself. Sometimes sentimental, humorous, and sad, readers will long remember Rico and this book, which demands comparison with the classic title *The Catcher in the Rye*.



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. Give us a book in honor of your loved one on Valentine's Day. 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!

One year magazine subscriptions:

The Nation
National Review
US News and World Report

(Thanks to those who donated magazine subscriptions this year: Mary Mock for *Time*, CSME for *Model Railroader*, Barbara Grant for *The Sun*, Steven Skarda for *Smithsonian* and Peg Varvel for *Ebony*, *Economist*, *Forbes*, *Atlantic*, *Prevention*, *Wall Street Journal*, *ESPN Magazine*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Golf Magazine*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *The Advocate*, and *People en Espanol*).

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Corvallis High Calendar

February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Feb	2	3	4	5	6	7
	ODD First Quarter	EVEN Swim v CVHS @ Osborn 4:15	ODD G Bskbl v Dallas @ CHS JV 5:45 V 7:15 Staff Meeting 3:30/Library	EVEN-Advisor	ALL-Pep Assembly Sch#4 G Bskbl v S Alb @ CHS JV 5:45 V 7:15	ACT @ CHS
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	ODD	EVEN B Bskbl v CVHS @ CHS JV 5:45 V 7:15	ALL 12:10 pm Early Release- Concertato/Camerata HS Orch Conc 7:30pm (location TBA)	EVEN All NW Orch/Band/Choir in Spokane Wrestle v Dallas @ CHS JV 6:00 V 7:00	ODD All NW Orch/Band/Choir in Spokane G Bskbl v Lebanon @ CHS JV 5:45 V 7:15	All NW Orch/Band/Choir in Spokane Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ALL School Day all Grades (snow make up day) G Bskbl v Silverton @ CHS JV 5:45 V 7:15	EVEN 7:00 pm -8:00 pm PC Mtg rm 203	ODD B Bskbl v W Alb @ CHS JV 5:45 V 7:15 Dept Chair Mtg 3:30	EVEN-Advisor	ODD	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	ODD Spring Sports Begin	EVEN	ODD-Advisor 3:30 pm -4:30 pm Site Council Mtg/Staff Dining Rm PD Focus Staff Mtg 3:30/Library	EVEN	ALL Sadie Hawkins Dance 8-11 pm	District Solo/Ensemble Contest @ W Albany HS

This calendar is available for viewing online at <http://www.csd509j.net/chs/>

The online calendar provides links to special schedules and event information. Corvallis High School welcomes feedback regarding the new calendar format. Please contact Gretchen Cuevas at gretchen.cuevas@corvallis.k12.or.us or 757-3824 with your comments.