

Corvallis High School

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE; PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE

Greetings!

It is hard to believe it is November already. The old adage about time flying when you are having fun must be true. This has been a tremendous first quarter. From the enthusiastic and appropriate fans to the excellent athletes, from our 8 Merit scholar finalists to our Powder Puff players, from the art wing to the science hall, this school is outstanding. Eric, Alicia and I often find ourselves commenting on how lucky we are to work with this community and your students.

I wanted to address the **State AYP results** published for our school. For the second year in a row our school has shown a rating of "low". This is concerning to me and the staff for several reasons. First, the rating is based on a single low score in participation-not the effort of our students or any test scores. Second, the assessment tool itself is very limited. No consideration is given to all the things that make CHS a great school for students, staff and community. For instance, did you know :

- Our participation went from 93% to 94% of students tested over the previous year?
- If five more students had been tested we would have been rated "exceptional"?
- SAT critical reading scores went from 566 to 584?
- SAT math scores went from 553 to 591?
- SAT writing scores went from 531 to 557?
- We had 8 National Merit Scholar Finalists?
- We are in the top 17% of all high schools in the nation for AP test scores?

Yes, we need to work harder to reach students who face challenges in their education. We are working together to identify those students and create interventions which will allow them to be successful. However, overall, our staff, students, and community do an excellent job and I am proud of them.

The new quarter starts on November 3rd. At that time we will be rolling out a few changes we feel are necessary. Normally changes to the class schedule are not made during the school calendar year, but at CHS we found that the existing schedule did not allow for enough instructional minutes. This is important because often there are inclement weather days which deduct time in school from our students. As a result we met with staff and changed the daily and advisor schedule to add instructional time. Adding these few minutes each day will add the equivalent of more than a day of instructional time over the remainder of the year and will not affect school start or end times. The new schedules are included on page 2 in this newsletter.

Another change is the gate located at the Pierce and 13th Street entrance to CHS. This gate was ordered last year to address a security concern. It was installed on October 1st. It will be locked from 8 am to lunch and from the end of lunch to after school each day. It is not meant to keep the community or our neighbors from enjoying this great facility during non-school time. We want to encourage rather than discourage this activity. The gate has two main purposes:

1. To secure the school from trespassers in an area where supervision is not consistent. There are no classrooms in the area and only a few staff regularly patrol this section of the school. This year we have had several unauthorized people on campus and at least two of them entered the school grounds from this area.
2. To keep students from using the area for loitering, littering, and smoking during class time. We hope the placement of the gate will encourage community and other visitors to enter the facility from the Buchanan entrance where all visitors are required to check in upon arrival.

I am so happy to announce that the **parent window for our new Pinnacle software** is now open. You should have already received an instructional letter and password. If you have not received one, please contact our registrar, Karen Nelson, at karen.nelson@corvallis.k12.or.us or by phone at 757-5884. This portal will

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Dates to Remember

Nov 6	Orchestra Concert
Nov 10-11	NO SCHOOL
Nov 10	Winter Sports begins
Nov 17	Sports Pictures
Nov 17	Fall Sports Dessert
Nov 18	Parent Connection
Nov 20	NHS Induction
Nov 27-28	NO SCHOOL

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allow you to support your child's learning and check grades and attendance as they are entered. We had hoped to get the attendance portion of the Pinnacle system fully operational prior to conferences, but were unable to do so. Thank you for your attendance at these conferences. It is important to our teachers that they communicate regularly with parents regarding student progress. Hopefully Pinnacle will help us to accomplish this task more efficiently. I am always open to new ideas and appreciate your feedback. You can reach me at dawn.granger@corvallis.k12.or.us.

Site Council has met and we are seeking another parent member. This group is the steering committee for our school vision. They meet monthly to collaborate and use data to assist the school in meeting our school- wide goals. This year we are really focusing on two major goals. One goal is a climate goal and includes our attendance focus. The second goal is around literacy for all students. Members are elected through the Parent Connection.

I wanted to end by telling you that I am excited to be working with the elected student representatives at each grade level to empower students at CHS and increase the impact of student voice. Our young people have great ideas and are an inspiration to me every day. I hope we can work together to make this school an even better place for all of our students.

Dawn Granger, CHS Principal

New Bell Schedule

Parents; our existing bell schedule does not allow us enough instructional minutes in case of school closure due to inclement weather to satisfy the state's minimum hours of instruction. Therefore, we have made some minor adjustments which now meets that mandate.

These adjustments will give us:

- 7.20 extra hours for 9th through 11th graders
- 11.45 extra hours for 12th graders

The three CHS administrators will be happy to discuss this in greater depth, if you have any questions or concerns. You may call them @ 757-5871.

Bell Schedule

	M-W	Tu-Th	Friday
Block A 7:40-9:15	Period 1	Period 2	Per. 1 7:40-8:25
			Per. 2 8:30-9:15
Break 9:15-9:20			
Block B 9:25 - 11:05	Period 3	Period 4	Per. 3 9:25-10:15
			Per. 4 10:20-11:05
Break 11:05-11:10			
Block C 11:15 - 12:50	Period 5	Period 6	Per. 5 11:15-12:00
			Per. 6 12:05-12:50
Lunch 12:50-1:30			
Block D 1:35 - 3:10	Period 7	Period 8	Per. 7 1:35-2:20
			Per. 8 2:25-3:10

On-Line Grading System

Parents; thank you for your patience! Our Pinnacle on-line grading system is finally up and running. On Tuesday, Oct 7th a letter with the directions around how to access the Pinnacle system and your child's specific log in and password information was mailed home to every student currently enrolled at CHS. We suspect you should be receiving that information at any time. We encourage you to call or e-mail our registrar, **Karen Nelson** if you have questions, concerns or difficulty accessing that information. Her e-mail address and phone number are listed below. If you are unable to reach Karen, **Linda Keller** in our counseling center will be happy to assist you as well. Her contact information is also listed below.

Karen_nelson@corvallis.k12.or.us
757-5884

Linda_keller@corvallis.k12.or.us
757-5901

Advisor Schedule Days

November 6 (even), 13 (even), 19 (odd)

December 3 (odd), 11 (even), 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

College/University Visits

Here are the schools that will be visiting in the fall – more added daily

Monday	November 3	Pacific Lutheran 11:15
Wednesday	November 5	Washington U in St. Louis 9:30
Wednesday	November 5	U of Oregon – regular & honors 1:30
Wednesday	November 5	University of Puget Sound 11:15
Monday	November 10	Reed College - all day 8:30-5:00
Friday	November 14	Seattle U. 11:15

Students should sign up in the purple book in Beyond CHS if they are interested. If no one signs up, I may cancel the school so students should not assume they will be here if they do not sign up.

New OPB Series

OPB is starting a new education series which will follow the lives of students in the class of 2012 as they begin their first year of high school in the Fall of 2008. We'll be charting their progress throughout their high school career to get direct, personal stories that illustrate the challenges facing students in Oregon.

You can be a part of our new education series by accessing this link:

<http://news.opb.org/link/highschool>

We are trying to connect with students entering high school as well as their parents and teachers. We'll use these stories as a way to approach education issues through the personal experience of those people affected.

We'll send you an email or give you a call periodically to check in with you and to see how you, your student and your school are doing. Your story will help guide our coverage of education issues, and you may even be contacted by a reporter or producer. Thanks for your help, and feel free to contact me directly with questions or concerns.

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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.

Orchestra Concert

The first HS Orchestra concert of the school year is scheduled for Thursday, November 6th at 7:30PM in the auditorium at Crescent Valley HS. The members of the Corvallis Concertato Orchestra will perform music by Corelli, Haydn and Hovhaness. The Corvallis Camerata Orchestra will perform the music of JS Bach, Brahms and a new piece by Oregon composer Kenji Bunch. This is the first Camerata concert since their return from a 12 day, five concert performance tour of Northern Italy this past summer. The concert is free for students and \$3 for adults. Both orchestras combine the musical skills of students from both CV & CHS. The orchestras are directed by Charles Creighton. Call 757-5763 for more information.



CHS Scrapbook

Each year, we keep a scrapbook of all CHS events and activities published in the Corvallis Gazette Newspaper. These articles are displayed on our "CHS in the News" bulletin board located on the back side of the forum for a week and then transferred into our scrapbook for archival. With budgets so tight, the office is desperately in need of the following items to continue this tradition.

Wish List

- (5) packages of 8.5 x 11 black construction paper
- (5) packages of 8.5 x 11 heavy weight, clear poly sheet protectors
- (10) blue or black 12 x 12 hard cover scrap books
- (200+) pages of 12 x 12 top loading sheet protectors (to put in the scrap books)

Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to call **Sherry in the main office @ 757-5872** if you have any questions.



Senior All Night Party (SANP)

It is not too late to purchase tickets to the Senior All Night Party. 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: _____

Attention Hewlett-Packard Company Parents:

We are kicking off this year's United Way Charitable Giving Campaign. Hewlett-Packard offers a charitable giving program for employees whereby they can purchase HP products at a fraction of the cost for donation to schools. For every dollar that an HP employee contributes, HP will donate an additional three dollars, providing 4 times the buying power on HP equipment. Employees may also pool their funds to make group purchases that they may not be able to afford individually.

If you are an HP employee, or know of other HP employees, who would like to contribute to our schools technology, we would like to include you in this year's participation. HP employee Daren Burt has volunteered to work with Andy Collins to coordinate the gift for CHS. Contact Daren at daren.burt@hp.com. We would like to submit our request by the end of November. You will receive a letter acknowledging your donation for tax purposes and this can be deducted on your 2008 taxes.

Note: This program is limited to HP employees only and to funds contributed directly by HP employees.

Parenting Ideas for Handling Bad Grades

By Cathy Wright / Counseling Department

Most students will suffer a bad grade or at the very least a failing grade on a test or assignment sometime during their high school career. How a parent responds can either help or make the situation worse. Here are a few simple suggestions;

Listen without giving advice. This can be difficult! Let your child vent, let them talk and not feel judged. Most advice is well-meaning, however, teens often feel that they are being judged or belittled.

Ask the right questions. Try to refrain from giving advice. Instead ask questions. Ask your child how they feel, what they think, what they should do, along with what others have done. By doing this you will learn more about your teen along with helping them explore their own situation.

Help them discover their own answers. Learning to solve issues is a skill that many teens do not learn because their parents continue to solve things for them. By asking questions you are guiding them to come up with the answers on their own instead of telling them what to do.

Stay in touch with your child's teachers through either email or by phone. The counseling department also welcomes your questions and concerns. Feel free to contact us via email or phone. Email addresses and phone numbers are listed on the Corvallis High School website.

Cap and Gowns

Seniors should have turned in their cap and gown orders. Seniors who missed the deadline or do not have their packets should see Mrs. Gullede in the Counseling Center. Please direct any questions you may have to Cindy Gullede at 757-5910. Thanks.



Parent Connection

If you want to know what is happening at CHS, go to the CHS website and look at our new master calendar! The calendar is easy to use, and is almost comprehensive of all activities at CHS. We hope to have all activities and important dates listed on the calendar eventually. We encourage you to start looking at it now and watch it grow!

December 4th will be the next lunch for the staff. The Senior class will be the sponsoring class for this lunch. Specifics about the meals and donations will be coming out on the listserv. Thank you, in advance for your donations!

Parent Connection Meetings

Nov 18, noon, CHS Band Room
 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

Winter Sports Pictures

Winter sports pictures will be taken during practice Monday, November 17. Hise Studio will be taking team and individual photos. Athletes do not need to bring money for their professional order. Proofs will be mailed to each athlete at their home and orders can be made after seeing the pictures. Anyone wanting to order Booster Buttons needs to fill out the half sheet and pay November 17 during the time of the pictures. Checks can be made out to CHS Booster Club. The cost of each button is \$3.00. This is a great way to support Booster Club and your athlete in this (fun)raiser. Please have order forms filled out before picture day. Coaches will be giving order forms to athletes during the week before pictures.

Sports Volunteers

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

Spartan Sports

CHS Winter sports practice season begins Monday, November 10th. If you are interested in participating in a winter sport, but have not been cleared, please stop by the Athletic Office. Fees are \$150, excepting ski team. If you have questions regarding Ski Team, please call Steve Brown at 738-8105.

For those new to Spartan sports, Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys' and Girls' Basketball games are played in the CHS lower gym, Freshman Basketball games are played in the upper gym. Cost of admissions to games, including Wrestling matches, is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students under high school age, and \$4.00 for high school students without an activity sticker. No charge for league swimming meets.

WINTER SPORTS	COACH
Boys Basketball	Greg Garrison
Girls Basketball	Joe Williamson
Wrestling	Nathan Harris
B/G Swimming	Judy Storie
B/G Skiing	Andy & Katie Laird



Boys and Girls Club

Clubhouse Programs - The Clubhouse After-School Program (Open to all MEMBERS, grades K - 12) • 2:45 pm -7:00 pm Monday – Friday. Fee: \$25 • The Club's membership year runs from Sept. 1 – Aug. 31. Memberships are purchased online at bgccorvallis.org.

The Clubhouse Teen Program - 1:00 – 6:00 pm. This program is open to all Members in grades 6-12 on days when there is NO SCHOOL. There is NO additional fee. This month's dates are November 10 and 11.

Special Event-Art Center Bazaar - The Clubhouse Art Center will be hosting an Art Bazaar on Wednesday, November 19th and Thursday, November 20th.

The Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis Announces Saturday Hours! - The Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis will be open to all current Club members from 2pm to 5pm on Saturdays starting October 11 and will run through Spring (some Saturdays subject to change due to facility rental but signs will be posted in advance to alert parents and members). Members will be given the unique opportunity to enjoy all areas of the Clubhouse. Some of our weekly programs will be offered on Saturdays; however, the majority of the time will be given to members to use the Club to play games or simply hang out. Staff will be on hand to assist Club members.

Office open Mon.–Fri. 9 am–6 pm (Closed 1-2 pm) • Phone: 541-757-1909

Fall Sports Dessert

The 2008 Fall Sports Dessert will be held at CHS on Monday, November 17th starting in the cafeteria at 6:30pm. We ask parents to bring a dessert to share. Please be sure to attend so we can honor the players and coaches for their hard work this season.

CHS Athletic Trainer

Bryan Painter has been the athletic trainer at Corvallis High for 19 years. His work has been outstanding and he takes excellent care of our athletes. I thought it might be worthwhile to share with you some practices that we follow if your son or daughter is injured.

- 1) See Bryan right away. We keep records of all injuries and it gives Bryan a chance to assess the extent of the injury and to put the athletes on a plan of rehabilitation.
- 2) We never discourage anyone from going to their doctor but in many cases it is not necessary. In some cases Bryan recommends seeing a doctor.
- 3) None of our injured athletes are allowed to return to practice or games until Bryan feels that they are ready and the parents agree.
- 4) We have purchased a program to test our athletes and to help determine when they should be allowed to return to practice following a concussion. This determination is made in consultation with a doctor who is an expert in evaluation of these results. We also have an information sheet for you that give you signs to look for in the event of a possible concussion.

The care of your son or daughter as an athlete is of upper most importance to us. The sooner an athlete sees Bryan following an injury the quicker the proper care can be administered. This normally reduces the recovery time and allows the athlete to return to play sooner. At times our seasons seem long but when you are injured and have to sit out several weeks it goes by very quickly.

Bryan will normally call you as a parent with regards to any injury and the treatment required but feel free to contact Bryan yourself if you have questions. **Bryan's number at school is 757-4455.**

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.

Volunteer Opportunities
All City Children's Party

Oct. 31 3:30-7:00PM

Toys for Tots

November 5th & 6th 6:30-8:45PM

Leaf Rake

Nov. 10th and 11th 9-3:30PM
(volunteer one or both days)

Holiday Food Drive
November TBA
Festival of Lights

December 2 4:00-9:00PM

For Volunteering Times and Info Call

766-6467



Hunter Gambill

Americorps: Youth Volunteer
Corps Member

Corvallis Parks and Recreation

Phone: (541) 766-6467

Fax: (541) 754-1701

hunter.gambill@ci.corvallis.or.us

Making Reading Easy: The CHS Library/Bookroom

"Books and writers live on, an endless stream of stories and storytellers waiting for me to jump into the current of their words, to swim through their images, and to be swept away in their flow. I cannot imagine life without books any more than I can imagine life without breathing."

—Terry Brooks, popular author of the *Shannara* series for young adults, in *Sometimes the Magic Works*

Library/Bookroom Thank You!

Thank you to our volunteers, who each donate a few hours to CHS Library every week: Tanya Beckman, Ellen Beier, Mary Ellen Brown, Pat Collier, Marla Crane, Simone Frei, Laurie Holst, Lynne Kane, Kay Lilley, Manette McClain, Lisbeth Miller, Sally Olson-Edge, Maureen Puettmann, David Razy, 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!!

New Book:

Sunrise Over Fallujah By Walter Dean Myers

Walter Dean Myers won the Coretta Scott King Award for *Fallen Angels* in 1988. That novel's main character is Richie, a young black soldier serving in the Vietnam War. *Sunrise Over Fallujah* is about Richie's nephew, Robin, also a soldier, but now in the war in Iraq. Like *Fallen Angels*, readers experience the everyday life of a soldier, which features fear, violence, death, destruction, insecurity and sorrow. Though the language and violence are graphic, these elements are reduced in this title when it is compared to *Fallen Angels*, which is still an enormously popular read for teenagers. While nonpolitical, this novel encourages readers to examine their own definitions of war, and as such has received many high recommendations. It is not to be missed.

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.

Missing Books

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.

Donations

Please also continue to donate books that you think our students might enjoy and 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.

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
 - Time

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?

Judy Westlake, Librarian, 757-5900 or judy.westlake@corvallis.k12.or.us

Judi Welever, Textbook Coordinator, 757-5896 or judi.welever@corvallis.k12.or.us

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.

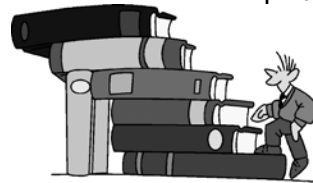
Absences may be excused at the request of a student's parent/guardian because of illness, disability, illness in the immediate family requiring the student's presence, a family emergency, religious reasons or anything the school deems appropriate (up to 5 pre-arranged absences per semester). Students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



Corvallis School District Diversity and Inclusion Survey

Fall 2008

Think about your student's school as you read each of the statements below. If you have children in more than one school, choose one as you fill out the survey. Then circle the number that best describes how much you agree with each statement below.

Name of School _____

1. At my student's school, students feel safe and respected regardless of their	No basis to judge	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral Response	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Race/ethnicity.	0	1	2	3	4	5
b. Socio-economic status.	0	1	2	3	4	5
c. Religion.	0	1	2	3	4	5
d. Culture.	0	1	2	3	4	5
e. Physical attributes.	0	1	2	3	4	5
f. Gender orientation.	0	1	2	3	4	5
2. At my student's school:	No basis to judge	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral Response	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. I feel respected and welcomed.	0	1	2	3	4	5
b. I feel that the staff listens to my concerns.	0	1	2	3	4	5
3. At my student's school:	No basis to judge	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral Response	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. My student feels safe.	0	1	2	3	4	5
b. All students are treated fairly when they are involved in behavior incidents.	0	1	2	3	4	5
c. Students respect those who are different from them.	0	1	2	3	4	5
d. The school clearly communicates to students that bullying and harassment are not acceptable behaviors.	0	1	2	3	4	5
e. Incidents of bullying and harassment are addressed in a timely and appropriate way.	0	1	2	3	4	5
4. In our school district:	No basis to judge	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral Response	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Students have equal access to educational opportunities.	0	1	2	3	4	5

5. What are three steps the school or district could take to make our schools more safe and welcoming for students and parents?

6. This is an open-ended opportunity for you to say whatever you want about the Corvallis 509J School District in terms of Equity, Access, and School Choice; Global Perspective; Safe Environment; Welcoming, Inclusive Schools; and World Languages.

Optional (although we are hopeful that you will share this information to further clarify areas of concern):

Your race/ethnicity: _____

Your gender: _____

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 ODD Second Quarter begins	4 EVEN	5 ODD Staff Meeting 3:30 pm in the Library	6 EVEN ADVISOR- see new bell schedule on page 2 of newsletter	7 ALL
NO SCHOOL		12 ODD Dept Chair meeting 3:30 pm in staff dining room	13 EVEN ADVISOR- see new bell schedule on page 2 of newsletter	14 ALL
17 ODD Brown Bag lunch with Dawn Granger 12-1:30 in her office Fall Sports Dessert at 6:30 pm	18 EVEN Parent Connection meeting at noon in Band room	19 ODD ADVISOR- see new bell schedule PD Focus Staff meeting on your own	20 EVEN NHS Induction at 7 pm in auditorium	21 ALL
24	25	26 Site Council meeting 3:30 in staff dining room	27 NO SCHOOL	
			28 NO SCHOOL	