

# Corvallis High School

*A Tradition of Excellence; Preparation for the Future*

Greetings! I hope you are enjoying your summer. I have had the opportunity to meet several CHS students and parents in the community and noted that some summers are less than restful, in fact they have been filled with activities that include family vacations, camp, classes at local universities, sports competitions, summer reading lists and jobs. Regardless of how you spend your time, we look forward to the return of our students eager to learn and ready for school to start.

In this newsletter you will find information about dates and events which will be important for starting off 2009-2010 successfully. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at 757-5871. I look forward to working with our new parents and welcoming you and your students to Corvallis High School. I want to also welcome back our returning parents. At CHS we make every effort to keep you informed and involved, so if anything is unclear we really want to hear from you. Education is a partnership and we need you to make it successful.

I would like to thank parents and the Corvallis community for their support as CHS entered the WalMart Earth Day Every Day Challenge. It was a nationwide competition involving over 400 schools. The schools created videos which were then voted on by viewers over the internet. CHS had the most viewers and votes, beating out schools from across the country. The prize, \$20,000.00, will be added to our fundraising monies to be used toward placing solar panels on the roof of CHS to create a more sustainable future for our school, district, and city. Students from Colleen Works' Political Action Workshop, Julie Williams' Economics of Conscientious Consumer Consumption, and the Green Club all participated in the winning effort. For more information on being a part of the effort to place these panels at CHS or possibly access the power they will generate, please contact Colleen, Julie, or Fred Kane who is our Foundation Director at the district office.

As most of you know, CHS had an attendance goal last year. The state requirement of 92% had not been met the year prior and we really wanted to meet it. In fact, we set our goal at 94% because good is not good enough for Spartans. Well, we did try hard and we met the state goal of 92% according to our preliminary results. I wanted to thank each of you for encouraging your child to attend every class. The students made phenomenal efforts to bring our rate up from 89.50% in 2007-2008 to 92.03% in 2008-2009. At the end of the year I met with student leadership and we decided to keep the goal for 2009-2010 at 94%. They believe we can make it. Your ongoing support as we reach for this goal is appreciated.

Like all schools in Oregon, CHS has been impacted by our budget crisis. This process was made less painful by the input and collaboration of parents, students, staff and community members who helped us to determine what to save and protect. We believe class sizes and programs will be mostly unaffected. This is due in part to a slight decrease in our enrollment and efforts to place cuts in positions outside the classroom. Your continued assistance as volunteers and your patience as we deal with a decrease in office support will be greatly appreciated. For information on becoming a Parent or Community Volunteer, please contact our main office at 757-5871.

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## Dates to Remember

Aug 19-21	Fall Athletes clearing
<b>Aug 24-28</b>	<b>Registration</b>
Aug 31	ID card/picture make-up day
Sept 2	Booster Club BBQ
Sept 3	Office Volunteer Training
Sept 8 + 10	BCHS Volunteer Training
Sept 8	Freshman BBQ
Sept 9	First day of school
Sept 14	PSAT Sign Up begins
Sept 15	Parent Connection
Sept 23	CHS Open House
Oct 1	College Planning Night

This year will be my second as your principal. I spent the year of 2008-2009 getting to know about our school and forming relationships. The staff and students and the parents I met were very receptive and welcoming. I feel we made great strides in communication and collaboration. I enjoyed your children and felt they appreciated the efforts being made to empower them. This year we will continue these efforts. Members of the Leadership class surveyed over 300 students and we are gathering input on how to facilitate stronger relationships between students and administration.

Last year Parent Connection helped to do a parent survey in hopes of improving the effectiveness of my position for parents. The input was very helpful. One of the things I learned was that we are doing a great job at communicating with many parents, but that I could improve those efforts for some. In 2009-2010 we will have at least two evening Parent Connection meetings and we will look into finding a time to meet that is convenient for most of our audience. We will continue to have our ELL parent meetings and we also plan on having monthly New Parent evenings for those who are just enrolling students in our school. I am also seeking ideas about how to reach out to parents who do not make these meetings in the day or in the evening. Please know that I want to work with parents for student success. If you cannot make our meetings and would like to talk with me, please call, email or come on in. Appointments can be made through Sherry Faller at 757-5872.

In closing I want to thank you for allowing me to be a part of the education of your children. I enjoy every day I spend with them. The staff here is dedicated to student learning and made up of such gifted educators it is a pleasure to watch them work. Parents have been welcoming and supportive. It is a gift to be part of this school community and I am grateful for it. With so much going for us it might seem like we cannot possibly get any better. I believe we can and we must. We have an excellent school where most students do amazingly well. We need to focus on those who do not do so well and why. As long as even one student is not able to graduate or to access the challenging curriculum we offer, we have room to improve. The Site Council is directing an effort to monitor and increase student achievement at CHS. Some of this work has already begun. This next year our focus as a school community will be on creating systems and supports to ensure that every child has access to all that our school has to offer. I have no doubt that together we will make a difference as we work to support learning for ALL.

—Dawn

**Main Office Volunteer training:** (only for those new) - Thursday, Sept 3rd from 1:30-3:00

**First day of school:** Wednesday, Sept 9th (full day of school and we will be following an ALL schedule)

### High School fees:

Student body card \$40.00

Supply fee \$25.00 (this is not mandatory. However, we greatly appreciate your donation!)

Yearbook \$55.00

## Student Body/ID Card

Lifetouch photographers will be here to take ID pictures on the student registration days. There is NO cost for an ID card. However, STUDENT BODY cards will cost \$40 each. Paying this \$40 fee allows you entry into all home games at no charge. ID card/picture make-up day will be Tuesday, August 26th from 9:00-2:00 and Picture Retake day will be Monday, October 5th from 8:00-2:00.



## Freshmen and New Student Bar-B-Que

**Tuesday, Sept 8th from 7:45 am to 1:15 pm** (more information will be included in the registration packets mailed home the first week of August).

## CHS Fall Open House

Open House will be held on Wednesday, Sept 23rd from 6:30-8:45 pm. Principal, Dawn Granger will briefly welcome parents and guardians in the cafeteria. At roughly 6:45 those attending will meet in their student's first period classroom. Please ask your child to give you the names of their teachers and their class room numbers. Maps will be provided. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about your child's education.

## Loss of a Beloved Staff Member

Corvallis High School Counselor and Coach, Dan Finnen died Thursday June 25th. His loss was sudden and unexpected. As the news spread many students and staff returned to CHS to gather and support one another. Crisis counselors were at CHS Friday and Monday to help staff and students to process their grief. On Monday the 29th a gathering occurred at the CHS rock where flowers and notes were left for Danny and his family. Athletic Director Bob Holt and Superintendent Dawn Tarzian spoke about their memories of this dynamic coach and fearless student advocate. A memorial service was held at the CHS theater on Wednesday July 1st where the Corvallis community came together to remember Danny and celebrate his life.

### 2009-10 August Registration Dates:

- Monday, Aug 24th** from 8:00-3:00 / registration for students NEW to the Corvallis area
- Tuesday, Aug 25th** from 10:00-12:30 / registration for seniors  
2:00-4:30 / registration for juniors
- Wednesday, Aug 26th** from 10:00-1:30 / registration for sophomores  
2:30-5:30 / registration for freshmen
- Thursday, Aug 27st** from 8:00-3:00 / Open registration for anyone who missed the above dates/times
- Friday, Aug 28th** from 8:00-3:00 – late registration for anyone unable to come in on the above dates/times
- Monday, Aug 31st** from 9:00-2:00 – ID Card/Lifetouch picture make-up day

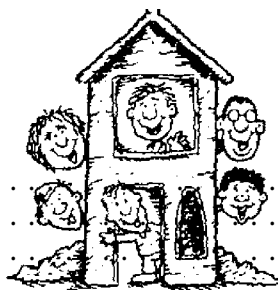
**\*REMINDER:** All outstanding fees and overdue books must be cleared in order to complete the registration process. We are unable to accept credit cards so please remember to bring cash or a check with you.

**\*OPTIONAL FEE:** \$25 supply fee

**\*PERSONAL CHOICE FEE:** Student Body Card = \$40 / Yearbook = \$55

### Please welcome the following staff members to CHS:

- Jan Boley . . . . . Computer teacher
- Laura Casey . . . . . Spanish teacher
- Meghan Cok . . . . . Chemistry teacher
- Keri Phipps . . . . . Counselor
- Claudia Forain-Bolais . . . . . Dual Immersion Spanish Teacher



### Receive the CHS Newsletter via e-mail

To subscribe to the Listserv, send an email to [listserv@listserv.csd509j.net](mailto:listserv@listserv.csd509j.net) with "Subscribe CHS-Parents" in the body of the message. Do not include the quotation marks. Do not include any other text. A confirmation note is sent to your email address from the listserv, and you must click on the link provided in the email to confirm your subscription.

### (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

## Dear CHS students and families:

We are going to add a step in the registration days to help get the students on the right track for career-related requirements. If your child received an N for advisor, it means there is a career requirement still missing from last year. If your students completed the assignments this summer (especially the career shadow) this is a good time to show me the forms and that it is complete. I can also look at the individual CIS portfolio and make sure all items are completed. The entire list of requirements are on the Career Learning page under Popular Links on the District Web Page.

This is also a time to welcome the new 9th graders and make sure your middle school CIS portfolio is transferred over to the high school account. I look forward to meeting you and seeing you during registration.

—Donna Keim

CHS Career Education Office, 757-5799

Donna.Keim@corvallis.k12.or.us

## CHS VOLUNTEERS

Do you volunteer at CHS or plan to? We want to get you in our CIS-CONNECTIONS volunteer data base. This allows us to keep track of all the wonderful hours you give to CHS. Donna Keim will be hosting the following dates and times to get you plugged into CIS-CONNECTIONS. Welcome on board the CHS wonderful volunteer community. We couldn't do it without you!!!

### DATES TO DISCUSS/SIGN UP IN CIS-CONNECTIONS:

August 24, 27th and 28th 8-5:30pm in computer lab 121

Come during those days and give me an hour of your time to get your plugged into the volunteer data-base. This gives me a chance to let you understand how it works, how to put in your hours, and what it does for the students.

To formally sign up, please email me at my office address and I will put you down on my sign up sheet.

Thanks in advance to helping our students meet their career-related requirements.

—Donna Keim, 757-5799

Donna.Keim@corvallis.k12.or.us

## Congratulations

to the following CHS staff members who were recently married:

**Alicia Ward Satey**, our  
Assistant Principal

**Heather Perrigan**,  
(formerly Zeman) our Health  
Teacher

## Parent Connection for 2009-2010

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us the week after school begins to hear the latest news about CHS from our principal, Dawn Granger. CHS Parent Connection's primary goal is to foster communication between parents and guardians and the CHS community. Anyone is welcome to attend our hour-long meetings, scheduled on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the CHS band room. Most meetings are at noon but there will be two evening meetings in November and February. Please come. For more information contact: Carol Hennessy at [chenness@peak.org](mailto:chenness@peak.org).

**September 15, noon**

**October 20, noon**

**November 17, 7:00 pm**

**December 15, noon**

**January 19, noon**

**February 16, 7:00 pm**

**March 16, noon**

**April 20, noon**

**May 18, noon**



# SPARTAN Activities and Athletics

The entire Corvallis High School staff welcomes you to another year of Spartan Sports and Activities – with a special welcome to our newest “Sparks”. We encourage you to become involved in the many activities offered at Corvallis High. We believe that school-based activities are a significant avenue for extending the learning environment beyond the classroom. Activities and athletics are important in contributing to school climate and to a sense of community among students, staff, parents and other Corvallis citizens. As a member of a school team or activity, your behavior on campus, in the community and at other schools reflects on your program, your school and yourself. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with personal, program and whole school successes. Be a part of this great place. Get involved

## Volunteers needed for sports

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, working concessions, filming games, providing transportation are all needed. Helping out can be fun, and is always appreciated. In the fall, please say “yes” when asked to help. We start out needing team parents for each level of every sport, then those parents will ask others to help out where needed. If you are interested in being a team parent, please let your coach know at the beginning of the season.

## Spectator Costs

Parents, friends, and relatives are encouraged to attend CHS sporting events each season. Some sports will involve a spectator charge. There is an entrance fee for all football games, volleyball games, girls/boys basketball games, and wrestling meets.

	<b>Football</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
Adults	\$5.00	\$5.00
Students under high school	\$4.00	\$4.00
H. S. Students (w/ID Card Only)	\$4.00	\$4.00
CHS students (w/Activity Card)	Free	Free
Visiting Students w/Activity Card)	\$2.00	\$2.00
Individual Adult Pass to all CHS/CV home games.....	\$35/10 events	
<i>(punch card)</i>		
Individual Student (K-8th) Pass to all CHS/CV home games....	\$25/10 events	
<i>(punch card)</i>		

All individual passes are good for any home game at CHS/CV all year and may be purchased in the CHS Athletic Office, at the Fall Booster BBQ, and at the gate during the 1st couple weeks of the season.

## Sports Hotline

Parents are encouraged to use the PARENT HOTLINE. Each day’s sporting events are on the hotline by 8:00AM. Please call 766-4877, ext. 8073 for information about events scheduled for that day. The hotline is updated each day between 2:15-3:00 PM. Using the hotline leaves the regular office telephone lines free for necessary calls.

## Fall Conditioning Week

**Boys Soccer:** Camp at Crystal Lake; Aug. 17-20 from 6 to 8:30pm; Cost: \$50

**Football:** Camp at CHS Turf; Aug. 17-21 from 8-10:00am & 6-8:00pm; Cost: \$25

**Volleyball:** Camp in CHS Gym; Aug. 17-20 from 9-12:00; Cost: \$55

**Girls Soccer:** Camp at Crystal Lake; Aug. 17-20 from 5-8:00pm; Cost: \$50

**Cross Country:** Conditioning: Starts Aug. 17th ; location and time TBA



## Fall Athletes

Athletic office will be clearing 2009 fall athletes on Wednesday, August 19th, through Friday, August 21st from 2-5:30pm each day outside the Athletic Office. Sports physicals will be offered at the high school on Wednesday, August 19th (only) from 2-5:30pm. Cost for the physical is \$30.00 with checks made out to CHS Training Room.

## Booster Club BBQ

Mark your calendars for the start of the year BBQ on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 starting at 5:30pm at the Spartan Stadium.

## College Planning Night

**Thursday, October 1 • 6:15 – 9:00 P.M.**

Please mark your calendars for October 1, 2009 for our college planning night at Corvallis High School. We would like to strongly encourage all students (freshmen – seniors) to come with their parents. We will start with a mini college fair and are expecting OSU, U of O, WOU, Whitman, Pitzer, Cornell, Lewis & Clark, Reed, Michigan State, Grinnell, PSU, Washington State University, University of Puget Sound, LBCC, Chemeketa Community College, along with a number of other colleges and universities.

After the college fair, there will be breakout sessions on financial aid, how to get into a select college, the application process, taking a GAP year, honors colleges, LBCC/OSU degree partnership and writing a good essay for college. Spanish sessions will also be offered. We also hope to provide childcare for those needing it.

We appreciate the support of the CHS Parent Connection in sponsoring this important event. Questions – call Nancy Shaffer at 757-5711 or e-mail at [www.Nancy.Shaffer@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:www.Nancy.Shaffer@corvallis.k12.or.us)

## Beyond CHS Volunteers

There are a few openings for volunteering in Beyond CHS. If you think you might be interested, please come to training on either Wednesday, September 8 at 1:00 or Thursday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. in Beyond CHS. We ask that you commit to a two hour shift for two years.

### PSAT - SAT - ACT

The PSAT will be given at Corvallis High School on Saturday, October 17 starting at 9:00 a.m. Sign ups will begin on Monday, September 14, 2009 in Beyond CHS. Watch for more information regarding fees in September. Please encourage any seniors who plan to attend college and have not taken their SAT or ACT to go on line and register for an early date in the fall. SAT – [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and ACT – [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)

## Corvallis School District

### Student Network Account Denial Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Parent or Guardian Section

Return this form only if you wish to deny your child access to the Internet and E-mail at school. You are strongly encouraged to read the district's Student Network Use Handbook, online at

[www.csd509j.net/district\\_information/publications/sp\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.csd509j.net/district_information/publications/sp_handbook.pdf)

I DENY permission to issue my child a network account that includes the following services:

- An Internet account (allows information searching and file transfer)
- A personal Internet E-mail account (allows the sending and receiving of electronic mail)
- A personal Internet web page account (allows the posting of information to a web page)

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### Student Section

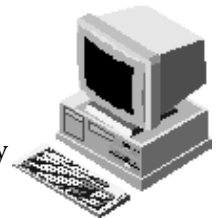
I agree to these restrictions requested by my parent(s) or guardian(s).

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this completed form to your child's school office.**

### Student Network

Watch for the Student Network Account Agreement Form: This is new form included with registration materials. It must be signed by both the student and a parent or guardian in order for the student to use the computers at school. Please read the back of this form, which summarizes expectations for student use of our computer system and also refer to the link on the district web site for more details. If you choose to deny your student the right to use the computer system, there is a Student Network Account Denial form available in the school office.



## Making Reading Easy: The CHS Library/Bookroom

*“So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, Go throw your TV set away, And in its place you can install, A lovely bookshelf on the wall.”*

— Roald Dahl, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

**Welcome to the CHS Library/ Bookroom!** We look forward to seeing some of you again, and meeting new students and parents. Students use the library to study quietly and to access a wide variety of printed and online sources of information for their classes. Students also use their ID cards to check out materials to read for pleasure. Textbooks are checked out from the book room starting the first few days of school.

**Registration:** Please bring all overdue library and text books with you, or money to pay for overdues and fines in order to complete registration.

**Thanks to Volunteers:** Once again, thanks to all our parent volunteers who helped in the library/bookroom during and at the end of school last year! We appreciate all of you greatly and hope to see you again! If you'd like to volunteer in the library during the coming school year, we'd love to have you. Drop by or contact the library staff at 757-5900 or 757-5896 after school starts.

**Be Thinking Ahead:** We will need volunteer help during registration and the first week of school in September. Please watch the listserv if you would like to help check textbooks out. We would like to have two parents at a time working 2-4 hour shifts.

**Textbook and Library Book Checkout:** Students must remember to bring their current ID cards to check out textbooks and library books. We also ask that students put their name in their textbooks immediately.

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

**Chess Sets Needed:** Next year the library will be continue to offer the opportunity for students to play chess in the Library. Does anyone have an extra set to donate?

## Donations and Lost Books:

Please continue to donate books and supplies to the CHS Library or Bookroom and to look for and return our books that may have made it to your home without being checked out. Since our budget is small, students and staff depend on your donations.

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.

An "Attendance Record" is posted outside of the Attendance Office. This record shows the student's attendance for the previous day and current day. If you receive an "Automated" telephone call stating that your student has missed one or more classes, please have your student check the attendance record to see which teacher marked them absent. If this was an error the student and teacher can resolve it. I look forward to another great year! Thank you for your cooperation.

—Debbie Begin

## August 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
10 Main office reopens	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20 Counseling office reopens	21
24 Registration from 8:00-3:00 for students NEW to the Corvallis area	25 Registration from 10:00- 12:30 for Seniors Registration from 2:00-4:30 for Juniors	26 Registration from 10:00- 1:30 for Sophomores Registration from 2:30-5:30 for Freshmen	27 Late Registration from 8:00-3:00 (for any student who missed the other dates & times)	28 Late Registration from 8:00-3:00 (for anyone who missed the other dates & times)
31 ID Card & Lifetouch picture make-up day from 9:00-2:00	1	2 Teachers return to the building	3 Main office volunteer training from 1:30-3:00	4