



RAIDER NEWS

CRESCENT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL • PUBLISHED BY CVPO

From the Principal, Cherie Stroud

One of my favorite times, the holiday season, is upon us! Although this time of year comes with the predictable stressors of long "to-do" lists and hectic schedules, I appreciate the time for remembering and creating lasting memories, as well as time with family and friends. As you approach this special time of year, please remember to find time for yourself, while caring for loved ones.

Parent conferences were held during the month of October. By all reports, our Crescent Valley conferences went smoothly and were well attended. During the six hours of arena conferences on Thursday, 314 parents attended. In speaking with many parents, each reported they had a very short wait time and were able to see all teachers. During the five hours of scheduled conferences, attendance was also positive; overall, 45 percent of available conference times were scheduled. The percentage of scheduled time slots in comparison to available time slots and number of teachers is as follows: three teachers scheduled to 100% capacity, no teachers scheduled 90%–99%, three teachers scheduled 80%–89%, three teachers scheduled 70%–79%, six teachers scheduled 60%–69%, nine teachers scheduled 50%–59%, and fewer than 25 teachers were scheduled less than 50%.

November 10 was a professional development day for our staff at Crescent Valley. This year, each department is working as a Professional Learning Community (PLC) to develop and achieve department goals. The three basic PLC tenants are a focus on student learning, collaborative teamwork, and an emphasis on results. Using these as a foundation, the staff was very productive in developing and aligning course curriculum within each department. In addition, staff worked inter-departmentally to address important issues. Two hours were also spent in a discussion of our school culture. During this time, we reviewed student data from last year's school culture survey, identifying important indicators to probe in the student survey which will be given later this fall. Finally, staff completed an assessment detailing how well our school is accomplishing the 31 recommendations for effective schools outlined in *Breaking Ranks*, authored by the National Association of Secondary Schools. According to the overall results, we are doing very well!

Many of you may remember the budget woes the Corvallis School District experienced during the 2001 school year. That year, seven instructional days were cut from the school year as a result of a large budget shortfall. Districts across the state were faced with the same dilemma, and budget cuts were made across the board in order to balance deficit budgets. In a November report to school board, Corvallis School District Business Director, **Kathy Rodeman**, announced a worrisome forecast for our state educational funding. She reported that, in September, the budget outlook reflected a predicted \$160 million shortfall for the next biennium, mostly stemming from a decrease in personal income tax revenue. Officials expect tax revenues to fall at least \$500 million short.

One difference in our current situation compared to 2001 is that our district has some contingency funds available for emergency use. The district's thoughtful and careful planning, as a result of previous budget shortfalls, has afforded our district a slight safety net to stem the tide if needed. The legislative session will begin January 2009, and Kathy will keep us updated with current information on projections for next year. In addition, she will attend the Crescent Valley staff meeting in January to share the most up to date forecast in preparation for likely cuts in the 2009–10 school year. At that time, you will be asked for feedback as it pertains to budget cutbacks at Crescent Valley.

Congratulations to our student athletes and coaches for a very successful fall sports season. A special acknowledgment is extended to the girls' soccer team for winning the Dairy Farmer's Award for this sport, achieving the highest grade point average in the state of 3.83. All of our fall teams ranked in the very top for this award within their individual sport. Above all, the success of the season can be measured by the degree of team camaraderie, teamwork and dedication accomplished by all teams.

I realize it is a busy time of year; however, I hope to see you at our school events, where we can share in the pride of our exceptional school community. During this holiday season, I'd like to extend best wishes for peace, joy and goodwill.

~Cherie

Cherie Stroud, Principal

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PBIS

Melissa Harder, Assistant Principal

PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports and is a blending of academic and behavioral interventions to best support our struggling students. PBIS emphasizes evidence-based practices and procedures as well as collecting data to determine our level of success and the need to adapt our interventions. The task of the Crescent Valley PBIS team is to assess our school-wide system of behavioral and academic interventions and make changes and suggestions as needed.

Assistant Principal **Melissa Harder** directs the behavioral intervention and Assistant Principal **Julie Linhares** leads academic intervention. The team also consists of **Mike Stair** (social studies, business, and math), **Dan Bregar** (science, applied technology, and math), **Katie Myers** (world languages), **Karen Crauder** (Library Specialist), and **Dan Cleary** (Behavioral Specialist, data). The team is in the process of analyzing our school-wide systems to review the effectiveness of current behavioral and academic interventions and to think creatively about what interventions are still needed to help our most challenging students.

At a recent district-wide work session, the CV team analyzed behavior data and survey results from our staff and determined an action plan for the 2008–09 school year. In those surveys, staff stated that the expectations for students are well publicized and easily applied in classroom situations. The concern was about students who are unable to abide by those expectations and how staff can be consistent from classroom to classroom with regard to consequences. CV data also indicated the lack of a positive reward system for students. The district-wide behavior data suggests that 9th grade is the peak year for behavioral referrals and that the bulk of referrals are for defiance, disrespect, and insubordination.

With careful analysis of the data and the systems already in place at Crescent Valley, the PBIS team is ready to move forward on an action plan that includes:

- Creating a school-wide system of discipline and referrals that is easily implemented by staff
- Creating a targeted behavior program to teach expected behaviors to 9th graders
- Building a reward system that makes sense for high school students in the areas of positive behavior and academic success

The team will also take a look at programs that already exist on campus like Alternative Education, Freshman Focus, and textbook distribution to determine how they can be improved and enhanced to support more students and the academic and behavioral goals of PBIS.

Guided Study Hall

Julie Linhares, Assistant Principal

One of the school goals at Crescent Valley High School is to “implement effective intervention for struggling students.” One of the interventions at CV is guided study hall. For many students, school success is difficult not because of ability but because of habits. Effective study habits are not consistently used by students who struggle. Teaching and offering practice for these habits are the goals of guided study hall.

If a student is failing multiple classes, they become a candidate for enrollment. The class takes the place of regular study hall and incorporates lessons in study habits, techniques for dealing with issues that can become barriers to school success, and time to complete homework. Students learn about taking notes and studying for tests, but they also learn about self advocacy and stress management. The hope is that students realize that their peers who are successful do not necessarily come by it naturally or easily; they employ strategies to be good students. The message is that effective habits create success.

An additional element of guided study hall assists students in monitoring their own progress. Students check in with teachers once per week for a report on classroom work. They also use Pinnacle Internet Viewer each Friday to access grades and missing assignments. The lesson is that students must take responsibility for their own learning.

Guided study hall is not a new program, but staff at CV continues to improve on a program that can help students. The class will continually evolve in an effort to offer students the tools and strategies they most need for success at CV and beyond.

DMV Proof of Enrollment

The DMV requires proof that applicants for a driver permit or license, under the age of 18, are making satisfactory progress towards a high school diploma or GED. A DMV Proof of Enrollment form can be obtained from the CV main office or counseling center.

Attendance

Check attendance on Pinnacle! Go to Check Grades, then click on the Pinnacle link. Once you have logged in, you can check attendance by clicking on Attendance Summary. You may also sign up to receive email regarding your student's attendance.

Parents and students – Do you have your password for Pinnacle Internet Viewer? If not, please email bonnie.ryan@corvallis.k12.or.us. Once you have your password, you can login using your student's ID number, and monitor grades and attendance. You may also sign up for automated email notifications.

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Families without internet access at home may call 757-5804 for password information. Parents and students may access Pinnacle using computers at CVHS, or at the Corvallis Public Library, located at 645 NW Monroe Ave.

Attendance and Tardy Policies

Jerri Barr, Attendance Secretary
757-5806

Oregon law requires students to attend school until they are 18 years old, until they graduate from high school, or until they complete an approved alternative education program. When students are absent from school, state guidelines determine if the absence is excused, unexcused or unresolved.

EXCUSED ABSENCE: An absence for personal or family illness; family emergency; school activity; religious holiday; medical, dental or court appointments; college visitation; or pre-arranged family commitments (up to five pre-arranged absences per semester).

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: ANY reason other than those listed above (alarm did not go off, missed ride, etc.).

UNRESOLVED ABSENCES: An absence not cleared by the parent within 48 hours of the student's return to school. Absences CANNOT be excused after 48 hours without administrative approval.

PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE: A form, to be signed by parent and teachers, may be picked up in the attendance office or main office and must be turned in to the attendance office prior to the absence. This form is only for absences of three days or more. For absences less than three days, please notify the attendance office by phone, email, or a note. This form is also available on the CV website.

Pinnacle Internet Viewer Information:

Pinnacle Internet Viewer

Due to errors in the processing of attendance data, all attendance reports, summaries and notifications have been temporarily disabled from the Parent Viewer. Excelsior Software is working to resolve the issue. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

Some bookmarked links to Pinnacle Internet Viewer are no longer working properly. If you experience difficulty logging into PIV, please be sure you are at the correct site. You will find a link to PIV on Crescent Valley home page, www.csd509j.net/cvhs. Click on the "check grades" button and follow the Pinnacle link to <https://classroom.lblesd.k12.or.us/Pinnacle/012/PIV/Logon.aspx>.

The user name is the student ID number, including the first zero. ID numbers can be found on student ID cards. Last year's passwords are still in effect. Passwords were mailed home to all new students and 9th graders earlier this year. Passwords can also be obtained from **Bonnie Ryan** at bonnie.ryan@corvallis.k12.or.us or 757-5804.

Students and parents are assigned separate passwords. Both passwords access identical information, but allow parents and students to have separately identifiable email addresses and alert settings.

Getting Messages to Students

Please make arrangements with your student prior to school hours regarding medical appointments, after-school transportation, lunches, etc. It is very disruptive to the learning environment to enter the classroom once it has begun. Therefore we will not interrupt class unless there is an emergency. Students can check for messages posted on the kiosks in the main hallway or on the student's locker.

Customer service is important to us, and we try to accommodate family needs the best way possible. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

School attendance areas/transfers— Online 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 online application will be available November 1 on 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.



Transferencias de escuela entre el Distrito Escolar—Proceso de solicitud a través del Internet

Instancias para transferencias entre el distrito escolar de grados 1 a 12 para el año escolar 2009–2010 serán aceptadas electrónicamente por el Distrito Escolar de Corvallis entre 1 de noviembre 2008 y 16 de enero 2009.

La solicitud será disponible a través del Internet en el sitio de Web del Distrito Escolar de Corvallis: <http://www.csd509j.net> comenzando el 1 de noviembre 2008. Si usted no tiene acceso al Internet en su hogar, la Oficina del Distrito Escolar, 1555 SW 35th Street y la Biblioteca Pública de Corvallis tiene acceso al Internet gratis.

Solicitaciones en español serán disponibles en papel en cada escuela y en la Oficina del Distrito Escolar.

Cualquier inferencia entregada después de la fecha de entrega será agregada a una lista de espera, y guardada hasta fines de agosto cuando los directores de escuelas tendrán la oportunidad para revisar y determinar la disponibilidad de espacio. Los estudiantes deben de ser matriculados en la zona escolar cercana a su hogar hasta que una decisión se haga.

Para más información o asistencia, por favor llame la Oficina del Distrito Escolar al 757-5811.

Dental Screenings

On Friday, January 9, volunteer dentists and Corvallis School District nurses will be at Crescent Valley High School conducting dental screenings. The screenings will occur during your student's open block schedule.

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

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

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

Christine Kulonis, R.N.
Angela Edwards, R.N.
Mardi Henke, R.N.
Corvallis School District Nurses

C.I.S. Connection Opportunity for Employers

Local businesses and organizations have an opportunity to get their names in front of the public in a positive way this year as Corvallis School District 509J begins CIS Connection. The Career Information System (CIS) has long provided students with tools to examine careers that they may wish to pursue; CIS Connection adds local employers to that equation. CIS Connection gives students a tangible way to see how and where certain careers shape their community by creating free websites for local employers listing information about their business or organization. The program can also connect students with community members who may be willing to be guest speakers, participate in career fairs, host job shadow experiences, conduct mock job interviews, supervise internships or be involved in other career learning activities. CSD 509J Career Learning staff can assist employers with their website's setup and maintenance, and there is no cost to an employer at any time for becoming a CIS Connection partner.

For more information on the program, contact CVHS Career Learning Assistant **Kip Carlson** at 757-5813 or kip.carlson@corvallis.k12.or.us.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF CORVALLIS**

December News

- The Clubhouse After-School Program is open to all Club members, grades 1–12, from 2:45–7 p.m. on school days. Cost is \$25/year.
- The Clubhouse Teen Program is open to all Club members in grades 6–12 on days when there is NO SCHOOL, from 1–6 p.m. This month's dates are December 22–23 and December 29–31.
- The Club will be closed December 25–26, & January 1–2, & will close early at 3p.m. on December 24.
- Special Events: Art Exhibit December 16–17. Stocking Drawing December 12 at 4:45 p.m.
- The Club is now open Saturdays from 2–5 p.m. if there is not a facility rental that weekend.
- Register for all programs online at www.bgccorvallis.org.

Senior All Night Party (SANP)



Tickets

It's never too soon 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 submit it to **Denise Purdy**, bookkeeper, in the main office. The cost is only \$20 if purchased before spring break – after that the price goes up to \$25. Final time to purchase tickets will be at the door, and the cost will be \$30. Buy now and save some money!! Please make checks payable to CV/CHS SANP.

Volunteers are still needed!

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

We still need another parent to help organize and oversee food/drink at the SANP. If you are able to help, please contact **Becky Charboneau** at 758-4056 or beckygc@comcast.net, or **Sunita Vasdev** at 757-9941 or sunita_vasdev@hotmail.com.

Memory Collages

Senior Parents – plan ahead! Gather pictures that reflect on your student growing up, including school, sports and other activities with family and friends. Memory collages will be displayed at the 2008 SANP. More details will be provided in a letter home in March or April. If you have questions, please contact **Sunita Vasdev** at 757-9941 or sunita_vasdev@hotmail.com.

Tax-deductible Donations

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

Senior All Night Party (SANP) (Continued)

Funding the SANP

You can still place orders on the Sally Foster gift wrap/food website. This is easiest to do by going to www.sallyfoster.com and inputting the city and state. When the related query screen comes up, you can then select the CV/CHS SANP from all Corvallis groups that use Sally Foster. The SANP gets approximately 50% of the purchase (not including shipping costs). Questions? Contact **Diane Nicol** at 745-7761 or robni-col@comcast.net.

Senior Yearbook Ads

Senior yearbook ads are due December 12. Please turn in your completed order form to yearbook advisor Pam Mathews. Questions? Email business editor Alex Huddleston, cyearbook@corvallis.k12.or.us.

District to Conduct Safe and Welcoming Schools Student Survey

In the next two months, the Corvallis School District will conduct 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 hold 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.

Senior All Night Party

Student's Name: _____ School _____

Parents' Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Opening Windows to the World: The Crescent Valley Library Media Center

Judy Westlake, Librarian

766-4889 or judy.westlake@corvallis.k12.or.us

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

Bookroom/Library Thank You!

Thank you to our volunteers, who each donate a few hours every week to CVHS Library: **Angie Killen** and **Katie Weber**.

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 (757-5822) to volunteer, or drop by when time allows. Thank you!!

Semester Change

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

Treasure Our Books

Students will return or renew textbooks when the semester changes. Please help students find and return their first semester textbooks and overdue library books as soon as they are no longer needed. If students are missing a book, please have them contact library staff now. Students will not be able to check out new books for the second semester if they have overdue or missing books. If students cannot locate their student ID card, they should drop by the bookkeeper's office to obtain a new card for \$5. Current ID is required to check out books for the next semester.

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

Please Donate Books to CV Library or Bookroom

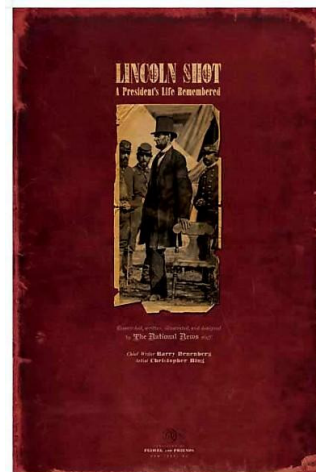
Please think of CVHS Library when birthdays and other gift-giving occasions occur, and give us a book in honor of your loved one. In addition, please remember to think of us when you are cleaning out your bookshelves. We would welcome any donations of books that our students might enjoy. If you buy textbooks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

Please also Donate Supplies for Your Students to Use in the Library

We especially welcome contributions of colored markers and construction paper. We also need glue sticks, white out, scissors, simple calculators, and colored pencils. Thank you, CVPO, for donating flash drives that can be checked out by students and staff.

New: Lincoln Shot: A President's Life

Chief Writer, Barry Denenberg, Artist, Christopher Bing



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

Please watch out for missing CV 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.



CV Career Center: Open during school hours to parents and students

Location: Across hall from library

Coordinator: Nancy Pliskin available:
Monday/Wednesday/Thursday
8:30a.m.–3:30p.m.
Tuesday, 10:30a.m.–3:30pm
Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm.

Contact Info: nancy.pliskin@corvallis.k12.or.us
or 757-5916

Website: www.csd509j.net/cvhs/counseling

Found in CC - USB flash drive: See Nancy Pliskin to identify

Thank you Volunteers! Our wonderful crew of volunteers made it possible for us to coordinate two major events this fall, the PSAT and the Oregon University System visit. Thanks to the following for their invaluable help: PSAT volunteers **John Adamski , Mary Benson, Jan Fajer, Jill Grause, Nancy Hyde, Debbie Killeen, Tisha Morrell , Kristin Newbry, Karen Rosenberg, Evan Smouse, Lezli Weeden, Linda Wells, John Yeo , and Shannon Young;** and OUS Visit volunteers **Nanette Armstrong, Melinda Choitz, Theresa Culver, Holly Dunning, Suzie Iverson, Janet Johnson, Susan Kerns, Sue Peterson, Linda Powell, Kelly Robinson, Kathy Soderquist, Sonja Smith, Pegler Swift, Jeanne Taylor, and Lezli Weeden.** Special thanks to **Lauren Ortiz** and **Sandra DeCarolis** for helping organize the OUS event.

PSAT Results should be delivered to CVHS in December. Counselors will meet with students to return their test booklets, score sheets, and discuss the results. All students who took the PSAT will receive free access to MyRoad, the College Board's web-based career, majors, and college exploration tool. Students will receive information on how to access MyRoad on their PSAT/NMSQT score sheet. Students who miss the meeting with counselors will be able to pick up their score sheet in the counseling office.

Financial Aid Planning Night for Seniors & Parents: Seniors and parents should plan to attend the Financial Aid Planning Night on Monday, December 8, at 7 p.m. in the CV library. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about how to pay for education and training beyond high school. Topics will include types of aid, how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), college scholarships, and more. This program is sponsored by the CVHS Counseling Department and will be presented by a college financial aid administrator. Junior parents may also wish to attend. For more information, please call the counseling office at 757-5815.

College Planning Night for Juniors & Parents: Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 26, at 6:15 p.m., and come to College Planning Night in the CVHS library for juniors and parents. This program is designed to provide the information students will need as they continue to plan for their education after high school. Details about this information program will be mailed out to juniors in early January. For more information, please call the counseling office at 757-5815.

Financial Aid Information: College Goal Oregon is a free statewide event designed to help Oregon college-bound students and their families with the financial aid process. Financial aid professionals will be available to help you complete the necessary paperwork, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The program takes place January 24 in a dozen locations including Chemeketa Community College, Salem and Lane Community College, Eugene. More information is available at www.CollegeGoalOregon.org.

Scholarships: The CC receives information weekly about scholarship opportunities, so seniors should be checking the Scholarship Board in the CC or online at the CV website at least weekly. Locally-funded scholarships will have the smallest pool of applicants and provide students with the best odds of being awarded a scholarship so pay particular attention to these.

Apprenticeships in Science & Engineering (ASE) Summer 2009: There will be an ASE informational meeting in the CC on Thursday, December 11, beginning at 12:55 p.m. for freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are interested in applying for an eight-week, full-time paid apprenticeship for summer 2009. The Director of Saturday Academy, **Cori Hall**, will be here to explain the program, application process, and to answer questions. There will also be one or two students who participated last summer in the ASE program available to talk about their experience. Sophomores and juniors who applied last year but were not accepted are strongly encouraged to reapply this year. Applying is a 2-phase process, with the initial application due in January. Applications will be available at www.saturdayacademy.org/ase and in the CC.

Congratulations to the following students who completed 2008 Summer Apprenticeships in Science & Engineering: **Don Buenaventura, Raymond Ehlers, Elliot Finn, David Ni, Sochinda Noun, Akshay Subramanian, Rachel White, and Evan Wu.**

Seniors – Need Feedback on College Essays?

Several adults are available to read and offer feedback on college application essays and scholarship essays. Please email your essay(s) to at least two of the following people: DHGORD@hotmail.com, Katherine@ClelandMarketing.com, maia@teleport.com, jbrassfield@msn.com, or weberti@comcast.net; or leave a hard copy with **Nancy Pliskin** in the CC. Be sure to include the question being answered in the essay, as well as the deadline for feedback. Please allow a few days for feedback.

Volunteer Youth Basketball Coaches Needed: Corvallis Parks & Recreation is looking for volunteers to coach basketball teams of students in grades 2–8. Applicants must have a general knowledge of the game, be available for five hours/week, including one hour for Saturday games. Practices begin January 12; training is required. More information is available in the CC or by contacting **Robert Thornberg**, Recreation Coordinator, at 754-1706.

Scholarship to study abroad in Germany: Information has just arrived in the CC from the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange. Scholarships are available. The deadline to apply is December 16.

Youth Fellowships in Israel: Juniors who will be 16 by the end of June may apply for the Bronfman Youth Fellowship, a very selective program designed to increase understanding and tolerance among different Jewish denominations. Fellowships cover round-trip transportation between New York and Israel, educational programming, room, board and travel while in Israel. For more information, go to www.bronfman.org. The application postmark deadline is January 20.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life Youth Retreat: The 2009 retreat is in Fall Creek, Oregon, on February 28–March 1. Teams are composed of 8 to 15 people. More information is available in the CC.

Oregon Opportunity Grant: The Oregon Opportunity Grant helps to make college affordable for students in low- and middle-income families. More information is available at www.getcollegefunds.or. The application deadline is March 2.

Ayn Rand Essay Contest: Students in all grades are invited to compete for cash prizes by submitting essays on novels by the author Ayn Rand. Essay topics and contest rules are at www.aynrandnovels.com. The entry deadline for 9th and 10th graders is March 20; the entry deadline for juniors and seniors is April 25.

Scholarship from Corvallis Folklore Society: One student each from CV and CHS who best exemplify the performance of folk music in a traditional way, or the performance of original music in the folk tradition, will win \$200. Any grade level. Acoustic music only; submit performance on a CD or cassette tape. The deadline to apply is April 1.

Online Resource for students with cancer: Visit www.2bMe.org or www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org for information.

College Now Credit at LBCC/It Transfers: Students may receive College Now credits by taking qualifying classes at CV from teachers approved through LBCC. When you take a qualifying class at CV, there are important steps to follow in order to receive college credit at LBCC: 1) Pay the one-time \$25 registration fee and complete/sign the College Now Participation form; 2) Turn the payment and form back in to your teacher or to the Career Center; 3) Make sure that your teacher knows that you want to receive CN credit and that your name is included on the teacher's Class Roster sent to LBCC; 4) Earn an A or B in the class; 5) Check your LBCC transcript on a regular basis to verify that the CN credits earned have been posted. Credits earned through the College Now Program will transfer to all state universities in Oregon as well as to some private schools within Oregon. CN credits have also been accepted by many state and private schools outside of Oregon. A list of all CV qualifying courses and teachers will soon be posted at the CV website.

CVPO News

Please check the CVHS website at <http://www.csd509j.net/cvhs/> for the monthly CVPO and Principal's Coffee minutes. The link to the minutes is under "Other News" on the left side of the home page.



CVHS Activities - December 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 odd Tba - j,v,v BBX @ Thurston Jamb Library	2 even 5:30/5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v GBX - West Salem	3 odd 5:30/5:45/7:00 pm - fr,j,v BBX - West Salem (endowment game)	4 even Lunch - JOSTEN'S here to collect orders - main hall 4:00 pm - SW - Cont Relays @ Osborn	5 all 4:30 pm - jv GBX Tour @ CV 6:15/6:00 pm - v GBX Tour @ CV (Ashland, Canby, Jefferson)	6 SAT 10:00 am - jv GBX Tour @ CV 11:45 am - v GBX Tour @ CV 10:00 am - WR @ Springfield 4:00/5:30/7:00 pm - fr,j,v BBX @ Parkrose	7
8 odd 7:00 pm - FINANCIAL AID NIGHT - Library	9 even 4:00 pm - SW @ Tualatin (3-way) 5:30/7:00 pm - fr,j,v BBX @ McKay 5:30/7:00 pm - fr,j,v GBX @ Willamette	10 odd 7:30 pm - CHOIR CONCERT - aud	11 even 11:00 am - CVPO - sdr 11:30 am - PARENT COFFEE - sdr 4:00 pm - SW - W.Albany @ Osborn	12 all 4:30/6:00 pm - fr,v GBX @ Marshfield 5:15/5:30/7:00 pm - fr,j,v BBX - Sheldon	13 ACT 10:00 am - WR @ Cottage Grove 8:00-11:00 pm - WINTER FORMAL - cafe	14
15 odd 4:00 pm - v GBX - Juno (endowment game)	16 even 3:30 pm - SITE COUNCIL - library 4:00 pm - SW @ Silverton 5:30/5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v BBX - Wilsonville	17 odd 5:15/5:30/7:00 pm - fr,j,v GBX @ S.Salem	18 even 6:00 pm - WR @ Dallas	19 all 5:15/5:30/7:00 pm - fr,j,v GBX - Bend 5:30/7:00 pm - fr,j,v BBX @ North Eugene 6:00 pm - SW - Summit @ Osborn	20	21
22 WINTER BREAK 11:00/1:00 - fr,j,v BBX @ S.Salem	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 WINTER BREAK GBX @ Gillette Tour BBX @ Holiday Tour-Wilsonville	30 GBX @ Gillette Tour BBX @ Holiday Tour-Wilsonville	31 GBX @ Gillette Tour BBX @ Holiday Tour-Wilsonville 12:30/2:00 pm - fr,jv BBX @ Wilsonville				

CVHS Activities - January 2009

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
S u n d a y				1 WINTER BREAK CONTINUES	2	3 9:30 am - WR @ Willamette Tour
4	5 SCHOOL RESUMES 5:30/7:00 pm - fr,j,v BBX @ Thurston	6 5:30/5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v GBX - Lebanon	7 odd	8 11:00 am - CVPO - sdr 11:45 am - PARENT COFFEE - sdr 4:00 pm - SW @ Dallas 6:00/7:00 pm - WR - CHS	9 5:30/5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v BBX W.Albany 5:45 pm - fr GBX @ W. Albany (Memorial MS) 5:45/7:15 pm - j,v GBX @ W. Albany	10 7:00 pm - TALENT SHOW - aud
1 1	12 odd	13 4:00 pm - SW - South Albany 5:30/5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v GBX - Silverton	14 8:00 am - 2:00 pm - BLOOD DRIVE @ library 4:00/5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v, BBX @ Silverton	15 even 5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v GBX @ CHS 6:00/7:00 pm - WR - Woodburn 7:30 pm - BAND CONCERT - aud	16 OMEA ALL-STATE 5:30/5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v BBX - CHS	17 OMEA ALL-STATE 9:00 am - WR @ Benton County Tour @ Santiam Christian Tba - SW - Rumbaugh Inv @ Osborn
1 8	19 NON CONTRACT DAY - no school	20 3:30 pm - SITE COUNCIL - lib 4:00 pm - SW - Woodburn @ Osborn 5:30/5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v GBX - Woodburn	21 5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v BBX @ Woodburn	22 even 6:00/7:00 pm - WR @ West Albany	23 5:30/5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v GBX - Dallas 5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v BBX @ Dallas	24 SAT
2 5	26 GRADING/TEACHER PREP - no school for students	27 TEACHER PREP - no school for students 4:00 pm - SW @ Lebanon 5:30/5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v BBX - S.Albany	28 SEMESTER 2 BEGINS 5:30/5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v GBX - South Albany	29 even 6:00/7:00 pm - WR - S.Albany 6:15 pm - COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT FOR JRS & PARENTS - library/various rooms	30 5:30/5:45/7:15 pm - fr,j,v BBX @ Lebanon	31 Tba - WR @ Pumam Tour



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DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>Dec. 8</u>	Financial Aid Night, 7pm
<u>Dec. 10</u>	Choir Concert, 7:30pm
<u>Dec. 11</u>	CVPO, 11:00am/Parent Coffee, 11:30am
<u>Dec. 13</u>	Winter Formal, 8-11pm Orders, lunch
<u>Dec. 20</u>	Winter Break Begins, No School
<u>Jan. 5</u>	School Resumes
<u>Jan. 8</u>	CVPO, 11:00am/Parent Coffee, 11:45am
<u>Jan. 10</u>	Talent Show, 7pm
<u>Jan. 14</u>	Blood Drive, 8am
<u>Jan. 15</u>	Band Concert, 7:30pm
<u>Jan. 19</u>	Non-Contract Day, No School
<u>Jan. 26-27</u>	Grading/Teacher Prep, No School
<u>Jan. 28</u>	Second Semester Begins

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