

# CHS Communiqué

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## Co-Presidents' Corner

*By Debbie and John Talamo*

Though spring seems far away, CHS is well into the second semester, and the CHS tradition of excellence continues!

It is hard to believe that graduation will be held in less than four months. We are so proud of our seniors as we see the flags displayed in the cafeteria representing the colleges and universities from which they have received acceptance letters. Every acceptance is a testimony to the excellence of education at CHS.

The **PSFA Graduation Award** application process is now in progress. Any senior with a Grade Point Average of 90 or higher at the end of the first semester received an application form, which must be completed and returned to the Guidance Office by **April 13, 2012**. At that point, the evaluation process will begin.

**Elections** for the 2012-2013 PSFA Officers will be held at the May PSFA meeting. We are sure the elections will result in outstanding leadership for the coming school year. We are seeking volunteers for a **Nominating Committee** to compile a slate of candidates to be presented at the April PSFA meeting (see page 11.) All officer positions are open. Please nominate yourself or someone else whom you feel would be an asset as an officer of the PSFA (see page 12.)

As you are reading this issue, committees are preparing for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual **Dinner Dance and Gift Raffle** to be held on Saturday, **March 3, 2012**. **It is only one week away!** This will be a fun-filled evening for CHS parents and their guests, and also happens to be the largest PSFA fundraiser.

There is still time for each family to help make the Dinner Dance and Gift Raffle a success. We need your participation! We will be going over the final preparation for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> event.

We hope to see many of our CHS parents at the PSFA meeting on March 1 at 7:30 at CHS.

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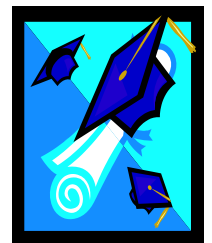
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## ***Annual Graduation Awards***

Once again, the PSFA will present monetary awards of \$500 to a select group of seniors upon graduation. Application forms will be distributed in the coming weeks to all seniors with a 90% or higher grade point average. All interested seniors should complete the application and return it to their counselors no later than **Friday, April 13, 2011**. If you have any questions, please contact John Talamo at [jtalamo@optonline.net](mailto:jtalamo@optonline.net).



***Submitted by John Talamo, CHS PSFA Co-President***

## **MAGAZINE SALE CONTINUES...**

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to order or renew their magazines!

If you did not participate in the Magazine Drive, you can **still** contribute to CHS with your future magazine orders or renewals. **Anytime** you want to purchase or renew a magazine subscription, 40% of your purchase will be donated to CHS if you:

1. Go to the CHS home page [www.chs.mcvsd.org](http://www.chs.mcvsd.org)
2. Click on "**PSFA**".
3. Click on "**Magazine Sale...renew or order.**"

Remember, you can check or confirm your order at [www.MagTrak.com](http://www.MagTrak.com) or call 877-289-6247.

If you have any questions, please contact George Amadeo at 732-787-3333.

## **CHS PSFA BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR**

Join us on **Saturday, May 12, 2012** from 9:00am to 11:00 pm for CHS PSFA's first bookfair at the Barnes & Noble at Monmouth Mall.

Please come and support the CHS PSFA by coming to the store and making a purchase. Got 2 hours to spare? Help us out by signing up for a 2 hour shift to wrap purchases.

Can't make it to the store at all? You can still support the CHS PSFA by making a purchase online between **Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012** - simply specify CHS's event ID #10704039 and we will get credit for your purchase.

Please let us know if you can help us out by wrapping gifts with us!

Thanks!

Submitted by –  
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## *From the Guidance Department...*

**Seniors:** We are coming down to the one of the most difficult choices your child will have to make. As the letters of acceptance roll in, the anxieties about which school is the best fit take center stage. Take advantage of the accepted student weekends so your child will have another opportunity to view the campus and also meet some possible future classmates.

If you have not filed your FAFSA forms, it is not too late. If your child is eligible for any merit scholarships offered by the college, your FAFSA form must be submitted. We continue to update the BBS with the latest scholarship forms and information. Also, remember to check on Naviance for other scholarship opportunities. The address for student access is <http://connection.naviance.com/communications>. If your child forgot their log in or password they should stop by the guidance office and it can be updated.

Seniors who have a 90 or better GPA at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester will be given an application for the Graduation Award sponsored by the PSFA. The deadline to return these applications to guidance is Friday, April 13th.

As always, we ask for your support in keeping the seniors focused throughout the final semester of high school.

**Juniors: HSPA tests will be given to the junior class on March 6th, 7th, and 8<sup>th</sup>.** The testing will be during the first two periods of the day and the schedule is as follows: Math on Tuesday, March 6th; Language Arts on Wednesday, March 7th and Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday, March 6th, the students need calculators that can perform algebraic functions, have the ability to do roots and powers, and contain at least one memory cell. The students also need to bring two #2 pencils every day. Please make sure your child is here EVERY DAY and on time to take the tests. There are make-up testing days the following week, but we hope there will be perfect attendance. If they do not take the test during those two weeks, they will have to take them in October of senior year. If students do not pass the HSPA, they do not graduate from High School.

**No electronic devices, including cell phones, ipods, food, or drinks are permitted in testing rooms.** Per the New Jersey Department of Education, students found in possession of cell phones or other electronic devices while taking the HSPA will have their test voided.

Juniors need to be thinking about registering for the SATs in May or June. The deadline for registration is April 6th for the **May 5<sup>th</sup>** test and May 8<sup>th</sup> for the **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** exam. **SAT II exams are also given on these test dates.** ACT tests dates are April 14<sup>th</sup> with a March 9<sup>th</sup> registration deadline and June 9<sup>th</sup> with a May 4<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm is Junior Parent Night.** Students should attend with their parents to learn everything you ever wanted to know about the college search and the application process. You will find this to be an invaluable tool as you begin to explore the college application process. We will cover such topics as the college search, college admissions, letters of recommendation, testing, individual responsibilities, timelines and Naviance.

### [Monmouth County College Night \(Spring\)](#)

- Sponsored by the Monmouth County Guidance Directors Association
  - Monday, April 23, 2012
    - 6:00-9:00 PM
- Robert Collins Arena, Brookdale Community College (Lincroft)
  - Park in Lot 6 or 1

**Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen:** We will begin the process of registering for classes for next year at the end of the month. Sophomores will have their first opportunity to choose elective courses. Once you receive the scheduling booklet, please look over the elective choices and remember that some courses are prerequisites for senior year electives.

# NAHS

On Friday, February 3rd, the National Art Honor Society held their annual Art Show. A variety of artwork from students in media that include photographs, paintings, sculpture, digital art, and even fiber arts was on display to parents, friends, and community members. A unique display of lamps created by the Advanced Graphic Design class out of recycled plastic products was a new installation this year. Sandy Taylor of the Monmouth County Arts Council was in attendance and expressed her admiration for the talent here at CHS to advisors Shelley Ortner and Laura Gesin, as well as Principal Jim Gleason. NAHS members accepted donations at the door and sold refreshments. As a result, the NAHS raised \$470 which will be used to defray the cost of their upcoming field trip to the Whitney Museum in New York City on April 18, 2012.

(Photos courtesy of the InkBlot taken by Danielle Siminerio)







The month of February was really busy for the Cultural Communications Club.

During the first weekend of February, we attended the first Special Olympics Bowling tournament. It was a whole day event, and we had 27 club members that were amazingly sweet and professional. It is always a pleasure to help these special athletes that constantly show respect, enthusiasm, happiness, and love.

On February 15th we attended the Gandhi, King, Chavez Peace conference at the United Nations. It is always an amazing experience to enter that magnificent building. Since we had to get there a little earlier to go through security, we spent a couple of hours looking at the Holocaust and the "Helping Hands" photo galleries.

The Season for Nonviolence is a national educational, media, and grassroots campaign dedicated to demonstrating that nonviolence is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower our lives and our communities. It was inspired by the anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and now also honors César Chavez. The theme for this year was "Global Peace through Social Media". It was really interesting, educational, and a unique opportunity for our students to see how much power they hold in their hands.

The month of March is going to also be extremely busy. We have the second round of Special Olympics on March 3rd, and then on March 16<sup>th</sup>, we have our annual Multicultural Festival. We are getting ready to offer as always, the best entertainment, food, culture, and especially, that sense of CHS community that characterizes this beautiful event. As always, we hope we will count on the presence of our students, teachers, and parents, who are the pillars of the festival. Thanks in advance for all your help!





# ONE-TIME DONATION

## A SPECIAL OFFER TO CHS FAMILIES

The Communications High School PSFA has a number of fundraisers planned for the 2011-2012 school year. Our goal is to raise money to support all of our planned student events and programs. Many CHS families want to support these efforts, but have trouble finding the time to respond to fundraising requests. Therefore, for your convenience, the PSFA is offering a **one-time fundraising donation option**.

For a one-time donation of \$100 or more, you can help our fundraising efforts, and then, knowing that you have done your part, simply disregard the PSFA fundraising that will be brought to your attention through the year. (Of course, if something appeals to you, please feel free to participate!)

If you are interested in this option, please fill out the section below and send to the school office with your check in an envelope marked "CHS PSFA – Donations". To ensure that your donation reaches us, you can mail your donation to:

CHS PSFA, 1740 New Bedford Road, Wall, NJ 07719-3740

**Please note:** Your family will still be informed about planned fundraising, but you can feel free to disregard the information.

**As always, we thank you for your help and support.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING ADVANTAGE OF  
THIS TIME-SAVING OPTION IN ORDER TO  
SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS HIGH SCHOOL  
WITHOUT PARTICIPATION IN FUNDRAISERS.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of 20\_\_ \_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: One-Time Donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Please make check payable to **CHS PSFA**)

# Two easy ways to support CHS... at no cost to you!

## # 1 OneCause.com

If you ever shop on-line, we have a great way for you to shop and benefit Communications High School at the same time:

**OneCause.com**, where you can shop at merchants like: **Aeropostole, Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com, Staples, Walmart.com, Toys R Us, Dell, Apple Store, MacMall, Shutterfly, NetFlix** and many, many more!



Using **OneCause.com** is easy! Before you shop, start at [www.onecause.com](http://www.onecause.com) (or add it to your "Favorites", and remember to click there every time you plan to shop). Then check the list of merchants to see if your "store" is there, and start shopping. When you shop through **OneCause.com**, a **percentage of every purchase you make goes to CHS!**

### HOW TO JOIN ([www.onecause.com](http://www.onecause.com))

- 1) Click **Join | Supporters | Join Now**
- 2) Type School Organization: **Communications High School**

## CLICK. SHOP. CONTRIBUTE !!!

## # 2 Show your support with the **OneCause** Visa® Platinum

Contribute to Communications High School every time you shop with the OneCause Visa® Platinum! Anywhere you shop, for anything you purchase, you will earn:

- a 1% contribution on total purchases made.
- extra contributions at the stores and catalogs of [Visa Rewards Merchants](#).
- a \$20 bonus contribution the first time you use your card!



Simply apply for and register your new card with OneCause, then use it to make all of your everyday purchases. The OneCause Visa Platinum also offers no cap, no annual fee and as little as 0% APR for the first six to 12 months. Learn more and apply now at our [secure online application form](#).

## ***ELECTION TIME FOR THE PSFA...***

### ***NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDED***

Each year the Communications High School PSFA holds elections for officers. In order to prepare for the elections, a Nominating Committee is needed to identify candidates who are interested in serving on the PSFA Executive Board for the 2012-2013 academic year. In order to serve on the Nominating Committee, you must be a registered member of the PSFA, and **not** be planning to run for office.

The duties of the Nominating Committee are as follows:

- ◇ Collect nomination forms.
- ◇ Contact nominees to verify that they accept the nomination.
- ◇ Ensure that there is a full slate: at least one candidate for each office.
- ◇ Present the slate of candidates at the April PSFA meeting.
- ◇ Conduct elections at the May PSFA meeting.

This is an important service to the PSFA, yet it consists of a short commitment of your time. Please consider volunteering for this committee. If you would like to serve, please contact Debbie or John Talamo at [dtalamo@optonline.net](mailto:dtalamo@optonline.net) or 732-577-6820.

### **Catalyst Bootcamp for the May 5th SAT**

Dates: April 28th and April 29th

Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cost: \$165

Sign up on line at [www.catalystprep.com](http://www.catalystprep.com) and click on bootcamp for registration

Chaperones are needed for both days. Please contact Debbie Talamo at

[dtalamo@optonline.net](mailto:dtalamo@optonline.net)

Minimum requirement for the course is 15 students

### **Princeton Review course for the June 9th ACT**

Dates: May 8th - June 7th (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Time: 2:45- 5:45 (6:45 for practice test)

Cost: \$499 (usually \$599)

Please contact Eda Saeger with any interest in the Princeton Review course at

[edas@optonline.net](mailto:edas@optonline.net)

Minimum requirement for the course is 10 students

Chaperones will be needed for all classes and practice test dates

# 2012-2013 PSFA Officer Nomination Form

## Bring Your Talents to the PSFA Executive Board !

### ***RUN FOR OFFICE***

Elections for CHS PSFA officers will be held in May. Each year the PSFA seeks candidates who are willing to dedicate their time and talents to serve as officers in the organization. We encourage all members of the PSFA who want to offer service to the school to consider nominating themselves. In addition, if you feel there is a member of the PSFA who would be an asset to the Executive Board, please nominate them.

**Please do not let consideration of whether there are other candidates for an office influence your decision to run!** The democratic process of election will allow the PSFA members to identify those whom they feel would best represent their interests and be of most service to CHS, and, in addition, will strengthen the PSFA.

The Executive Board consists of six positions: **two Co-Presidents** who preside over the meetings; **one Vice President** who assists the Co-Presidents and acts on their behalf in their absence; **one Treasurer** who keeps accurate records of all PSFA monies and pays all approved bills for the PSFA; **one Recording Secretary** who keeps the minutes and attendance for all PSFA meetings; and **one Corresponding Secretary** who is responsible for sending out proper notices for all regular meetings and handling PSFA correspondence

In order to be considered by the Nominating Committee, you must be a registered active member of the PSFA. Nomination forms will be distributed via this issue of the Communiqué and will be available on the BBS. Go to chs.mcvsd.org; click on "PSFA"; click on "Forms and Messages."

The PSFA Nominating Committee is scheduled to present a slate of candidates for office in April, and will hold elections for the 2012-2013 Executive Board at our meeting in May. Nominations will be accepted up until the election date.

Please fill in the form below to nominate yourself or another PSFA member and return in a sealed envelope to the school office by Friday, **March 30, 2012** addressed: **Attention: PSFA Nominating Committee**

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Use this form to nominate yourself or another PSFA member for office. Nominations may be anonymous.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of:  
(name of candidate and their student's class year, if known )

- Co-President**     **Recording Secretary**
- Vice-President**     **Corresponding Secretary**
- Treasurer**

You may complete the following or remain anonymous.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# YEARBOOK NEWS.....



## \$\$ PRE-ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK & SAVE!

ORDER YOUR CHS YEARBOOK RIGHT NOW. DON'T DELAY, COST NOW IS \$85.00.

THIS YEARS BOOK WILL BE OUR BIGGEST YEARBOOK EVER!

ORDER ONLINE @ [HTTP://SHOP.JOSTENS.COM/](http://shop.jostens.com/)

### GOT PICTURES?

EMAIL PHOTOS TO  
YEARBOOK@CHS.MCVSD.ORG

THE YEARBOOK STAFF INVITES YOU TO SUBMIT PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK. IF YOU'VE GOT GREAT PHOTOS, WE'D LIKE TO SEE THEM. OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE. HELP US GET AS MANY PHOTOS AS POSSIBLE TO CREATE A TERRIFIC BOOK EVERYONE WILL



### CHS CLASS OF '12 WE WANT YOU!

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR BABY PICTURE TO MRS. ROD VIA THE BBS, DROP IT IN THE PINK BOX IN ROOM 220, OR SEND IN A BABY PIC TO MRS. ROD VIA REGULAR MAIL. PUT YOUR NAME ON THE BACK SO WE CAN RETURN IT ASAP!

**BUT DON'T WORRY ..** →

WE HAVE A SUBSTITUTE PHOTO FOR THOSE OF YOU



### SENIORS.. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY ?

YOUR QUOTES FOR THE YEARBOOK ARE DUE ASAP VIA GOOGLEDPCS  
CLICK HERE. (LINK IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE BBS CLASS OF 2012 BOARD)  
PLEASE TRY TO COME UP WITH 2 QUOTES, SO WE CAN ELIMINATE DUPLICATES

## YEARBOOK AD ORDER

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

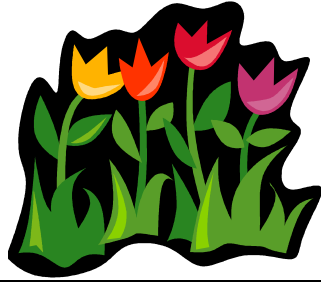
ACTUAL SIZE →

ALL ADS WILL BE 2 X 3.5

\$25 EA PAYABLE TO 'CHS STUDENT ACTIVITIES'

ATTACH YOUR AD OR WRITE IN YOUR TEXT HERE





**COMMUNICATIONS HIGH SCHOOL  
MARCH & APRIL 2012  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>MARCH 1</b>	<b>PSFA MEETING</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>MARCH 3</b>	<b>PSFA DINNER DANCE</b>	
<b>MARCH 16</b>	<b>CULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS EVENT</b>	<b>6:30-8:30 PM</b>
<b>MARCH 30</b>	<b>END OF MARKING PERIOD 3</b>	
<b>MARCH 31</b>	<b>SKILLSUSA NJ STATE COMPETITION</b>	
<b>APRIL 6 – APRIL 13</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
<b>APRIL 16</b>	<b>SCHOOL RESUMES</b>	
<b>APRIL 18</b>	<b>NAHS FIELD TRIP</b>	
<b>APRIL 18</b>	<b>FRESHMAN ORIENTATION</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>APRIL 19</b>	<b>PSFA MEETING</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>APRIL 20 &amp; APRIL 21</b>	<b>DRAMA PRODUCTION</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>APRIL 23 – APRIL 27</b>	<b>SPIRIT WEEK</b>	
<b>APRIL 25</b>	<b>JUNIOR TRIP TO NYC</b>	
<b>APRIL 27</b>	<b>MR. CHS</b>	<b>6:30–8:30 PM</b>