

CHS Communiqué

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CHS Communiqué is the official publication of the CHS PSFA, The Parent Student Faculty Association of Communications High School, a Monmouth County Career Academy.

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The PSFA also has important PSFA announcements via our email system.

Please take a moment to register online at <http://chs-psfa.org/communique/>.

Submissions are welcome.

Co-Presidents' Corner

By Jessica Leigh Evans

(Parent of Emileigh-Class of 2017)

And Kathy Gilbert

(Parent of Sean-Class of 2015)

We hope everyone is enjoying the first days of autumn. October and November are very busy months at Communications High School. Just take a look at the calendar in this issue to keep up with the upcoming events.

It was wonderful to see so many people at our first PSFA meeting and at Back to School Night.

Many thanks to our Hospitality Chairs, Joann Boyle and Cyndi Hogan, who organized the refreshments for the evening. They are grateful to all the volunteers who helped to supply the

delicious treats for Back to School Night.

Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the Membership Committee, Stephanie Ladiana and Patricia Lober, the CHS PSFA Family Directory was ready for distribution on Back to School Night. Directories that were not picked will be distributed to students via to Mrs. Clevenger.

The PSFA Executive Board always welcomes new ideas. Please join us at PSFA meetings and take the opportunity to share your suggestions and have any questions answered. We hope to see you at the next PSFA meeting on October 2nd, 2014 at 7:30 pm!

Save The Date

The PSFA's largest fundraiser, the 11th annual Dinner & Gift Raffle, will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Jumping Brook Golf Club.

We are looking for two or three volunteers to help run this fun event!!!



October 2014

The 2014-2015 school year is off and running. We thank our parents and students for an excellent start to a new school year.

Seniors: Our seniors have begun the college application process. Please visit our blog and click on the tab *Common Questions About the Common Application*. While you're there, check out the *Local Scholarships* tab. We're trying hard to give our blog a user-friendly feel! Feedback is appreciated.

Here are a few helpful reminders for seniors:

- Put your colleges in Naviance under Colleges I'm Applying To. Remember to maintain this list, as we will generate midyear reports from this information.
- Sign your FERPA waiver and match your Naviance account to your Common Application.
- If you haven't already done so, ask your teachers for letters of recommendation.
- When you are ready for us to send your supporting documentation (transcript, school profile, and letters of recommendation), fill out an Application Check List and hand it to your counselor.
- SAT and ACT scores are to be sent directly to the college from the testing organization.

Parents, we realize this may be a stressful time and we encourage you to make an appointment if you would like to discuss any individual concerns. Remember, applying to college is a process, not an exact science. Although some steps through the process may be predictable, each college is unique in its requirements and deadlines.

Sophomores and juniors: This is a time of testing and college exploration for you. The Monmouth County College fair at Brookdale Community College is on October 5th, 2014; please try to attend. Visit the blog for more information and a link to a list of attending colleges. Don't forget to print labels with your child's name, address, year of high school graduation, and email address. It's a real time saver!

Juniors: We will be setting up individual parent meetings in November, and we look forward to working with you and your child as we begin his or her post-secondary journey together.

Juniors, sophomores, and freshman: The PSAT will be administered on October 15th, here at CHS. In addition to possible recognition in the National Merit Scholarship program (Juniors only), these are some of the benefits of taking the PSAT:

My College QuickStart is an online college and career planning kit available free of charge to all students who took the PSAT/NMSQT. It is powered by their responses to the test and provides personalized information that helps students take their next steps toward college:

My Online Score Report—an enhanced score report that allows students to review each test question, their answers, and the correct answers with answer explanations

My SAT Study Plan—a customized SAT study plan based on students' PSAT/NMSQT test performance, highlighting skills for review and practice

My Personality—a detailed personality test that helps students learn about themselves and discover majors and careers that fit their strengths and interests

My Major & Career Matches—extensive information about majors and careers, including insights about what to expect and what courses to take now

My College Matches—a starter list of colleges based on students’ home state and indicated choice of major

Results will be available in December and students will need their access code, which is printed on the paper score report, and these tools can be used throughout high school. Using My College QuickStart (in addition to Naviance) together with your child is a great way to introduce and guide your child through important aspects of the college-going process. Visit www.collegeboard.com/quickstart.

Freshman: Welcome to CHS! We have begun to meet our counselees individually, and will continue our freshman interviews through October.

College Representatives coming to CHS:

College	Representative	Date
Ramapo College of New Jersey	Rhoda	Tue September 30, 2014
Muhlenberg College	Kim Nguyen	Thu October 2, 2014
New York University	Christie M.	Thu October 2, 2014
Kean University	Christina Vasquez	Fri October 3, 2014
Rutgers University-New Brunswick	Amanda Hardie	Mon October 6, 2014
Syracuse University	Wess Whiteside	Mon October 6, 2014
Lehigh University	Beth	Tue October 7, 2014
Caldwell University	Julie Washington	Wed October 8, 2014
Hofstra University	Fred Koromi	Wed October 8, 2014
Wilkes University	Samantha Fowler	Thu October 16, 2014
Centenary College	Katherine Kneubuehl	Tue October 21, 2014
Northeastern University	Anthony Lamoureux	Thu October 23, 2014
Pennsylvania State University, University Park	Stephanie Fuss	Thu October 23, 2014
Boston University	Brian P.	Fri October 24, 2014
Montclair State University	Stephanie Herman	Tue October 28, 2014
Manhattanville College	RJ	Wed October 29, 2014
Rider University	Sheryln Barbone	Thu October 30, 2014
Ithaca College	Kait Reed	Tue November 4, 2014
Sacred Heart University	Lauren Johnson	Tue November 4, 2014
The University of Scranton	Josh Perry	Fri November 14, 2014
Moravian College	Brittney	Tue November 18, 2014
Savannah College of Art and Design	Makeda Ellis	Tue November 18, 2014

All Academy Parents are cordially invited to a dinner, hosted by the Career Academy Teachers!

Please come out and enjoy a complimentary meal with some of the staff from the academies.

Jumping Brook Country Club on Tuesday October, 21st from 6PM - 9PM. We hope you can attend!

Please use this link to RSVP.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cDMLTtNV81-5brUMPFIFfH1t9aJevOQZz1QFC3hm0fM/viewform?usp=send_form

SENIOR CLASS UPDATE

The Class of 2015 is off to a fantastic start! The class enjoyed a beautiful day of canoeing and picnicking on Monday September 22, 2014. The students had tons of fun paddling down the canal in Princeton while splashing and tipping each other. After drying off, the class went to Allaire State Park for a leisurely lunch and some relaxation before returning to CHS. It was a great way to start off the year!

The Senior Class also hosted the Back to School Dance with a luau-themed evening. 188 students attended and danced from 6:30 – 9:00. The dance was a big success and helped raise money for the prom.

The prom has been booked for Friday, May 29, 2015 at The Mill in Spring Lake Heights. The planning will begin very soon and the class council is very excited to make this prom the best ever at CHS!

This is a very busy time of year for seniors with classes, activities and college applications. I am proud of all of the hard work and effort the Class of 2015 is putting forth and I am excited to be a part of their final year of high school.

Senior Class Advisor Leah Morgan



September 22 was the day CHS seniors took to the waters of the tranquil Delaware & Raritan Canal for their annual fitness canoe trip. The weather cooperated, some kids got wet, everyone laughed, and everyone earned points towards their senior fitness requirement! A huge thank you to our PSFA for sponsoring this trip!

Submitted by Ginny Clevenger

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS STARTS IN JANUARY

Just Rite Driving School (<http://bit.ly/justritedrivingschool>) will offer a 30-hour Defensive Driving classroom course at CHS beginning January 7th, 2015. The cost is \$150 and may be paid by check on the first day or in advance via a credit card. Students 15 years of age & older are encouraged to register. Classes will be held on 10 consecutive Wednesdays (weather permitting) from 2:30-5:30pm*. Parents of enrolled students will be required to take turns chaperoning; a schedule will be set prior to the first class.

Bob, the instructor, will cover a basic introduction to driving, defensive driving strategies & Motor Vehicle rules & regulations. Many insurance companies offer a discount for this course; please check with your provider. Just Rite Driving School also offers Behind-the-Wheel instruction at a special rate for students enrolled in both programs.

Upon successful completion of the State of NJ Motor Vehicle test given at the end of the course, a test waiver card will be issued, eliminating the need to be tested at the DMV. (For 15-year-old students, Just Rite Driving will retain the waiver card until their 16th birthday is reached.)

*Please note class times were inaccurate in prior Communiques. Email chs.psfa@gmail.com for more information or to register.

PSFA Membership

Welcome back to all students, faculty and families to the start of another successful year. The majority of members received their 2014-2015 CHS PSFA School Directory at Back to School Night, last month. If you weren't able to attend Back to School Night, the directories that were not picked up will be distributed to your student. Check your student's backpack!

An addendum is currently being prepared to include members who joined after August 21, 2014. In order to be included in the addendum, please complete the membership form contained in this newsletter and return it with your check for \$35 for one year (\$125 for 4 years) no later than Friday, October 10, 2014.

Our goal for this year is 100% participation in the PSFA. Your membership dues benefit each and every student, at every grade level. Benefits provided to each student are student planners (distributed the first week of school), breakfast during midterm and final exams, Freshman Orientation at Thompson Park, Back to School Social, Senior Scholarships, Color Wars and end of year BBQ, transportation for junior class trip – just to name a few. Current membership numbers are:

Class of 2015	87 students	77 members	89%
Class of 2016	81 students	60 members	74%
Class of 2017	74 students	66 members	89%
Class of 2018	81 students	72 members	89%
Total	323 students	275 members	85%

If you have any questions about membership, please feel free to contact:
Patricia Lober (patricialober@gmail.com) or Stephanie Ladiana (SJTL6221@gmail.com)

Submitted by Patricia Lober & Stephanie Ladiana
Membership Committee



**Communications High School PSFA
MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY FORM**

This form and payment must be received by **October 10, 2014** for inclusion in the **Addendum of the PSFA Membership directory**. Make checks out to "CHS PSFA."

All Communications High School PSFA members have the option to be included in the directory published by the PSFA for its members. **Check "YES" for each item that you want included in the directory. Check "NO" for each item that you do not want included in the directory.**

Mail to: Patricia Lober : 11 Third Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

MEMBERSHIP DUES
Check one box:

4 Years - \$125 (save \$15)
(remaining dues will be refunded for any reason)

1 Year - \$35

Please make checks payable to:
CHS PSFA

PSFA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Please select all committees in which you would like to participate.

Beautification Committee
 Hospitality
 Fundraising
 Membership
 Newsletter
 Parent/Student Activities

Student Name (Last, First)	Class of:		Include in Directory?	
			YES	NO
Name: Father	Last	First	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name: Mother	Last	First	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name: Guardian	Last	First	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Address	Street		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	City	Zip		
Home Phone			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cell Phone	Mother/Guardian	Father/Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email1			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email2			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PSFA USE ONLY

Date: _____ Member # _____

Cash _____ Check # _____

Membership Expires _____

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I give permission for the above information to be included in a directory for distribution **ONLY** to members of CHS PSFA. The directory information and permission are effective for the duration of my membership. If I wish to have information changed or removed, I will contact the CHS PSFA. Upon student leaving CHS, membership/directory forms will be shredded.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____