

CHS Communiqué

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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/>.

Co-Presidents' Corner

By Jessica Evans and Kathy Gilbert

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season filled with family and good friends. We look forward to greeting the New Year with great enthusiasm at CHS. This month we want to recognize that there are three essential components of the PSFA: the parents, students and faculty of Communications High School.

We are grateful to the **Parents** who have contributed to the success of the PSFA since this school year began, with their memberships and donations,

as well as participation in fundraisers and events. We are always looking for ways to contribute to the success of CHS **Students**. The PSFA recently provided bagels and drinks for all of our students before they took their mid-term exams. We are thankful for our CHS **Faculty** and appreciate their 100% membership and dedication to the PSFA.

The PSFA has recently completed the Student and Faculty Grant Program. All grant proposals were reviewed by the membership at the November meeting and grants were awarded to two worthy causes. The summary will be available at the next meeting

Mark your calendar

There will be no December PSFA Meeting. The next PSFA meeting is **January 8th at 7:30**. Hope to see you there!

Support the Inkblot and advertise your business

Your school newspaper, *The Inkblot*, wants to advertise your business as a way to build our program. If you'd like to reach our 325 students and their parents, please consider it.

Ads are sized full page, quarter page, half page, and business cards. Please contact Advertising Director Ashley Chu (achu@ctemc.org) with any questions.



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Need some extra help with a class? Walk on in!



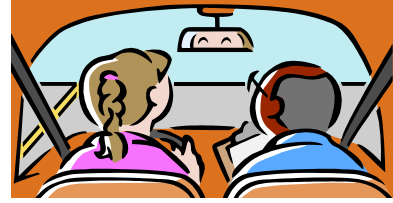
Did you know that the National Honor Society offers Walk-in Tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the entire lunch/activity period? We have students available to tutor in any subject, just waiting for your son or daughter to walk in and ask for help. Are they having trouble coming up with an idea for an essay or organizing their ideas for a paper? Do they have a quiz or test coming up and they just need to be quizzed for a few minutes? What about math -- do they need some help with their homework? Encourage your son or daughter to come to Walk-in Tutoring on Tuesdays and

Thursdays in room 142 for the help they need. We have snacks, too!

Walking the walk ... and all for good causes

On November 22, the Cultural Communications Club participated in the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk, raising awareness and money for the cause. Breakfast and exit sales have been successfully generating profits for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, as well. The club happily looks forward to the festive month of December. The club will be wrapping books at Barnes & Noble in Howell for multiple days throughout the month, and children from Headstart will be visiting Dec. 12 for a holiday party. Overall, the club is off to another fantastic year, ready to volunteer time and efforts for the betterment of the world.

LAST CHANCE – DRIVER'S EDUCATION CLASS CLOSING SOON



Register for the Driver Education Theory Class at Communications High School. This program, being coordinated by the PSFA, is available to any student ages 15 and older. The purpose of the course is to prepare for the DMV written test. Bob Estler, of Just Rite Driving School will instruct students on basic principles of driving and the rules of the road. The class will meet at CHS beginning Wednesday, January 8th and will run for ten consecutive Tuesdays through March 19th 2014 (weather permitting) from 2:30- 5:30pm. The cost is \$150 (cash or money order). Students will be responsible for their own transportation home.

In addition, a parent chaperone is needed at each class. Please be prepared to chaperone one class during your student's session. The schedule for chaperoning will be pre-arranged- a schedule will go out in the second week of December to registered families.

To register, please send an email with your student's name, date of birth and address along with a parent chaperone name, email & phone number to chs.psfa@gmail.com. This is a theory class only- but enrolled students will also take the written DMV test on the last day of this course, a benefit being offered to CHS students through Just Rite Driving School. Each student will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the class for possible insurance discount purposes. Please note that insurance discounts vary by individual insurance carriers. Please call your specific insurance company to determine your specific eligibility. Also, note that 'behind the wheel' training is a separate course. Just Rite Driving School offers six-hour driving instruction at a discount for CHS students also enrolled in driver education theory. For 'behind the wheel' registration or to pay for Driver Theory with a credit card, please contact Luanne, of Just Rite Driving School, directly at 732.534.4688.

Broadcast Club going Coast to Coast

The CHS Broadcast Club has an exciting year ahead. The 2015 Student Television Network Convention team has been announced and those students are hard at work preparing for the competition. In March, the ten students on the team will fly to San Diego to compete in broadcast contests against students from around the country. While there, they'll also learn about the field from professionals and develop their skills in creative workshops.



The club is also working again on their annual UGotBrains! campaign to raise awareness for driving safety and brain injuries. Through the club's work, CHS has been designated a Champion's School by the UGotBrains! foundation for the past four years. This award includes a \$1,000 stipend to help fund the project. This year, juniors Olivia Malesco and Jane Maloney are leading the project, which will include a variety of videos, posters, t-shirts, social media, and more.

NHS WELCOMES 15 NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to the Newly Inducted NTHS Members!

On Tuesday, November 18, 2014 fifteen students were formally inducted into The National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) for their commitment to the society's seven ideals: Skill, Honesty, Service, Responsibility, Scholarship, Citizenship, and Leadership. The new members fulfilled the requirements set forth by the national organization by maintaining a high GPA, receiving various letters of recommendation, committing to SkillsUSA and competing in a specific technical field at the state level. As a member of this prestigious organization, students receive several scholarship opportunities and a membership to the American Careers Journal. Congratulations!

Connor Duffy
Nicholas Haaf
Cayla Harris
Patricia Lowney
Olivia Malesco
Emma McCaffrey
Laura Murphy
Christina Noll
Isabella Olaguera
Justin Ortiz
Clay Paley
Julia Rongo
Mithu Sankaranarayanan
Jennifer Villavicencio
Emily Woods

Kelly Harmon, NTHS Advisor



SkillsUSA Prepares for the NJ Skill & Leadership Competitions by Selling Jingle Ball Oreo Truffles

SkillsUSA & National Technical Honor Society members are gearing up for the NJ Skill and Leadership Championships that will take place May 2, 2015 at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, NJ. This year CHS will send 45 members who will compete in over fifteen different competitions. These competitions represent various career-related themed areas such as: Photography, Web Design, Broadcast & News Production, Audio & Radio Production, 3D Animation, Crime Scene Investigation, etc. While students are busy honing their skills, they are also actively trying to fundraise enough money for state competition registration fees.

(SkillsUSA charges 85\$ per student to compete!) As a result, members are making and selling oreo jingle ball grams before the holiday break in December.

If you have any cream cheese or oreos (generic brands are just as good!) that you could donate, please have your child drop the ingredients off to Room 206!! We would greatly appreciate it!



- Kelly Harmon, **National Technical Honor Society**
SkillsUSA & NTHS Advisor

Wherefore art thou? In English class!

In preparation for our study of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, English I students were divided into two families, Capulets and Montagues. As a member of their familial team, they must be

prepared mentally and physically to take part in mini-challenges everyday ("to-the-death" battles). Students earn tallies for their family for receiving high grades on assignments, as well as for committing random acts of kindness. Whether they are rapping about their family, creating a coat of arms, reciting early modern English sonnets or baking symbolic treats to represent the play's themes all of the students are committed to earning the most tallies and the title, "Best Family."



Julia Dwight, '18 and Christina Alfano, '18 show off their family pride

May the Best Family Win!
-Ms. Kelly Harmon, English I Instructor

Class of 2016 Hosts a Very Successful & Intimate Coffee House



On Friday, November 21, 2014 the Class of 2016 hosted the junior class's annual event, Coffee House. Over thirty-three acts performed to packed house. With standing room only, it's safe to say that the event was a huge success. Acts ranged from acoustic duets to poetry readings to magic tricks. Thank you to all the performers and the Class of 2016 for making this event such a memorable one!

-Ms. Kelly Harmon, Class of 2016 Co-Advisor

Class of 2016 Hosts Breakfast with Santa



The Class of 2016 will be hosting a pancake breakfast at Applebee's in Tinton Falls on Hope Road from 8-10 am on December 13, 2014. Please come out and get your photo with Santa, indulge in some pancakes and help support the Class of 2016. Tickets are \$10.00 and you can purchase them at the door!

Thank you!

- Class of 2016

SATURDAY DRIVERS EDUCATION CLASS AT HIGH TECH HIGH SCHOOL 2015

The PFA at High Technology High School will be offering a Saturday Morning Drivers Ed Class in conjunction with **Just-Rite Driving School**. It is a **10** session class offered on Saturdays **from 8:30 – 11:30 at High Tech High School**. It will be offered to all five MCVSD Academies. The cost of the course is **\$150**. The dates of the class are as follows:

Jan 03, 10, 17, 31 (N/C Jan 24) Feb 7, 21, 28 (N/C Feb 14) Mar 7, 14, 21

This course is comparable to what is offered in other NJ high schools and will give students the opportunity to learn and understand the principles of safe driving and prepare them for the written exam. After completion of the **30 hours**, the final class will include a written state test that is necessary for the mandatory **“6-hour behind-the-wheel”** training required in order to obtain a driver’s permit at age 16. Students who have successfully completed the course (i.e. HW, quizzes, etc.) will receive a certificate or card that may qualify them for reduced auto insurance rates. (Check with your insurance carrier) Please make check payable to **“Just-Rite Driving School”** and mail along with registration form found **on HTHS WEBSITE under “DOWNLOADABLE FORMS”** Please mail to HTHS, and put on envelope **“DRIVERS ED Susan Winograd”**

A parent must agree to attend **one** classroom session (**only for the last hour and 10 minutes of that session...10:20 – 11:30**) and ensure that all students have been picked up after the class. Please indicate on the registration form which dates (first second, third, fourth choice you are available) and I will get back to you and let you know which one you will be helping out at. You can of course designate an adult substitute. Please don’t leave the desk until **all** children have been picked up. Please pick up your child **promptly** at **11:30** so you don’t hold up another parent.

Please note: It will be your responsibility to make sure there is coverage on the date that is assigned to you. Please fill out the attached registration form accordingly. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 732-972-2845 or (917)-685-8832

My email is: swinodiversed@gmail.com

Susan Winograd - PFA

Driver’s Education Coordinator

Communications High School PSFA 2014 Magazines and Memories Sale

These offerings make great gifts. Thank you for your support!

Magazines- Renew, order New, or give Gift subscriptions from 550+ titles, including 140+ Digital selections.

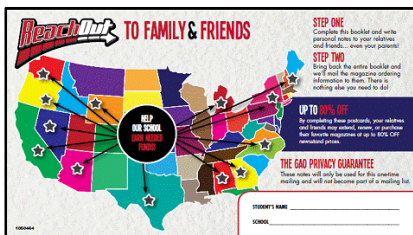
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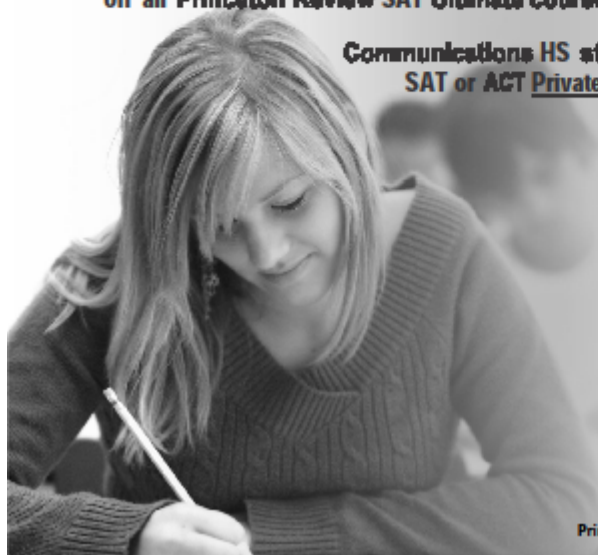
February 7th to March 12th

10 Classes: Tues/Thurs (2:45-5:45pm) / 4 Practice Tests: Sat (9am-1pm)

Please note: Each class will require a parent volunteer to chaperone.

Through a partnership with Communications HS, all CHS students receive a \$200 discount off all Princeton Review SAT Ultimate courses. Promo code: \$WVDT\$

Communications HS students also receive a 10% discount off SAT or ACT Private Level 24-hour Tutoring Packages.



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Midnight Masquerade!!!

Invitations will soon be in the mail for the 11th Annual CHS Dinner & Gift Raffle! We are looking forward to wonderful evening! Please see below to find out how you can lend a hand!!!

This single event is our largest fundraiser and helps to fund the events and programs that our children enjoy throughout the school year. We need everyone's help to make it a success. Our Goal: 100% family participation in gift donations.

Please support Communications High School, there are many ways to help:

MAKE A CASH DONATION OF \$25.00 to be used to purchase items to create gift baskets. We will do the shopping for you! Checks should be made out to: *CHS PSFA*.

DONATE A GIFT ITEM VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$25.00 to be used as part of a basket.

OBTAIN A BUSINESS CONTRIBUTION from a place that you frequent. Do you own or work for a business that could make a contribution of merchandise or services? Perhaps you know a business or restaurant that might donate a gift certificate?

SUPPORT THE AD JOURNAL by placing an ad for your business or service in the Journal.

OBTAIN AN AD for the Ad Journal by approaching businesses that you frequent and ask them to place an ad.

ATTEND THE EVENT! The PSFA Dinner & Gift Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st at Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune, NJ. We hope to see you there!

We are in need of baskets & frames – please considering donating any extras you may have

Please contact either **Kathy Gilbert** at pkgilbert@att.net or **Judi Taglieri** at jtags1@hotmail.com or with any questions. Checks should be made out to: *CHS PSFA*.



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 PSFA 11th Annual Dinner and Gift Raffle
MIDNIGHT MASQUERADE
 Saturday, March 21, 2015
 Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune

Dear Family, Friends, and Community Members,

The Communications High School Parent Student Faculty Association (PSFA) is pleased to announce that plans are under way for our annual Dinner and Gift Raffle. This event is our school’s largest fundraiser, with the goal of ensuring that our students continue to realize their full potential through providing needed financial resources. Our success depends on the support of our families and community.

Please support our students by placing an ad in our Dinner and Gift Raffle Program. Our organization is tax-exempt under section 501(c) of the IRS code. Our tax-exempt number is 22-3759364.

All ads should be camera ready (black and white business cards are ideal). Ads may be mailed to “PSFA Dinner Gift Raffle Ads”, at the above address. We would appreciate receipt of ads by **Friday, February 20, 2015**. Please make checks payable to: “CHS PSFA Dinner Gift Raffle”.

If you have any questions, please contact Judi Taglieri at 732-425-2910 or jtags1@hotmail.com
 Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely, Communications High School PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle Committee

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ADVERTISEMENT INFORMATION: Select ad size. Attach copy and graphics and send with check (payable to CHS PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle) to “PSFA Dinner Gift Raffle Ads” at the above address.

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Address _____ Phone Number _____

Contact _____

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PSFA 11th ANNUAL DINNER and GIFT RAFFLE

MIDNIGHT MASQUERADE

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune

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Communications High School, an academy in the Monmouth County Vocational School District, is located in Wall, New Jersey and serves 300 students from more than forty school districts in Monmouth County.

The Communications High School Parent Student Faculty Association (PSFA) is pleased to announce that plans are under way for our annual Dinner Dance and Gift Raffle. This event is our school's largest fundraiser, with the goal of ensuring that our students continue to realize their full potential through providing enhancements to their education. Our success depends on the support of our families and community.

Please support our students by donating a gift, services from your organization, or by making a cash donation. All donations will be prominently acknowledged on the raffle tables and in the evening's Advertisement Journal.

Our organization is tax-exempt under section 501(c) of the IRS code. Our tax-exempt number is 22-3759364.

Donations may be mailed to "*CHS PSFA Dinner Gift Auction*", at the above address. Please make checks payable to: "*CHS PSFA Dinner Gift Auction*". We would appreciate donations arriving by **Friday, February 20, 2015** We will be happy to pick up your donation if you prefer.

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Gilbert at 732-282-1291 or Judi Taglieri at 732-425-2910 email to pkgilbert@att.net or jtags1@hotmail.com

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Communications High School PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle Committee

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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 want to have. Submit photos online.



You must have been a beautiful baby.....

CHS Class of 2015 WE WANT YOU!

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Hannah

Congratulations on a job well done! You have brought us joy, happiness, and laughter. We are extremely proud of you and all your accomplishments!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Leah, Greg, & Mark

