

# CHS Communiqué

Parent Student Faculty Association Newsletter

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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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Submissions are welcome.

## Principally Connected

By James R. Gleason, Principal

Congratulations to **Ms. Gesin** on being named **CHS Teacher of the Year**. Ms. Gesin has done an outstanding job with her E-Commerce and Animation courses this year. She recently presented at the New Jersey Council of County Vocational-Technical Schools professional development conference on the role of new-media in the workplace. In addition, she chairs the school level professional learning communities, overseeing a large portion of the staff development at CHS. Job well done!

Congratulations to our Student Television Network team for their outstanding performance in this year's STN Convention in California. They did a great job representing CHS and achieved the following awards:

- Sweet 16 Broadcast - 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Sweet 16 Film - 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Weather Reporting - 1<sup>st</sup> place

Congratulations to the CHS students for participating and placing in the Monmouth County Teen Arts Festival as the "Top of the Top."

Film: 1<sup>st</sup> "Guilty as Charged" written and directed by Meghan Kaltenbach  
2<sup>nd</sup> "The\_Signal.exe" directed by Bryan Scuteri, produced by Holland Farkas and  
written by Meghan Kaltenbach and Alex Winchell

Drama: 1<sup>st</sup> "Monologue" by Andy Do

Creative Writing:

3<sup>rd</sup> "Angels, Demons and Vulcans" by Linette Reemon

3<sup>rd</sup> "Flying" by Bryan Brown

Visual Arts - Recognized as exemplary

"A walk on Water" by Danni Siminerio

"Horse Power" by Lindsay Muir

Solo Vocal: 2<sup>nd</sup> "This Love" by Maria and Bethany Todd

Welcome to the incoming freshman Class of 2015. The incoming class is comprised of 85 students from across Monmouth County. Freshman Orientation will be held on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 pm.

The end of marking period 3 is scheduled for April 5 with exams scheduled on April 4 and 5. As we move into the final marking period at CHS, student attendance will become critically important. Let's all work together in order to support CHS students in getting a first rate education by making sure they are present and on time for their educational endeavors. Thank you for all your support.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7**  
**AT 7:30 PM: PSFA MEETING**  
**SPECIAL TOPIC: GRADUATION 2011 VENUE**



## Co-Presidents' Corner

By Cathy Smith

The first signs of spring are here, and we are already preparing for the final events of the CHS school year. The year is passing so quickly!

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance and Gift Raffle was held on Friday, April 1, 2011. Once again, the families of CHS came together to result in a successful event which raised funds to benefit all the students of CHS. See pages 4, 5, and 6 for details.

Our next three PSFA meetings will include the following: introducing candidates for 2011 - 2012 PSFA Officers (April 7); voting for officers (May 5); and then turning the leadership of the PSFA over to them (June 2).

At the April PSFA meeting, the special topic will be the venue for **Graduation for the Class of 2011**. Currently, plans are in place for CHS Graduation 2011 to be held at BioTech High School. A number of senior parents have expressed an interest in seeking an alternate

venue. Information on potential venues and the costs will be presented at the meeting. Since the 2010-2011 budget does not include payment for a Graduation venue, PSFA members will need to vote on whether to incur this expense. **Please be sure to attend the April meeting if you are interested in this topic.**

Each year, the PSFA provides a **Barbecue** for the students and faculty on the day of the **CHS Color Wars**. This year the events are scheduled for **Friday, June 3**. Mark your calendars and look for details about volunteering to help in the May issue of the Communiqué.

As the end of the school year approaches, the PSFA needs the support of our parent community more than ever. We hope to see many of you at the upcoming PSFA meetings and events. The elections will determine the leadership of the PSFA for the next school year, and we need every member to join us to make the PSFA an active and vital part of the school. Please participate in any way that you are able.

## CALLING ALL CANDIDATES ...

PSFA elections for the Executive Board for the 2011-2012 school year are scheduled for the May 5 PSFA meeting. Nominations are currently being accepted for **all** officer positions:

Co-President (2)  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Recording Secretary  
Corresponding Secretary

Nominations will be accepted from the floor on the night of the meeting up until the election. If anyone is interested in running or knows of anyone interested, please contact Cathy Smith at [cas810@yahoo.com](mailto:cas810@yahoo.com). For nomination forms, go to [www.chs.mcvsd.org](http://www.chs.mcvsd.org); click on **PSFA**; click on **PSFA Forms & Messages**; **Click Here for What's New**; click on **PSFA Officer Nomination Form**.

# Annual Graduation Awards



Once again, the PSFA will present monetary awards of \$500 to a ten seniors upon graduation. Application forms were distributed during February to all seniors with a 90% or higher grade point average whose families are members of the PSFA. All interested seniors who meet those criteria should complete the application and return it to their counselors no later than **Friday, April 15, 2011**. (Please note the extended deadline.) If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Smith at [cas810@yahoo.com](mailto:cas810@yahoo.com).

*Submitted by Cathy Smith, CHS PSFA Co-President*

## PSFA MEMBERSHIP

The PSFA Membership Committee has begun the 2011-2012 Membership Drive. All CHS families, except 4-year members will soon receive a letter inviting them to renew their membership, or to join us for the first time. Please help us reach our goal of 100% membership by sending in the form on page XX with your payment. Please remember, **only** PSFA members will receive a copy of the CHS PSFA Student/Family Directory at Back to School Night in September. An additional benefit available to 4-year members only -- as a senior, your child is eligible to apply for a PSFA Graduation Award.

If you have questions about your membership status, or need to change your information, please email Paula Dazio at [pdazio59@yahoo.com](mailto:pdazio59@yahoo.com) and she will be happy to help you.

Funds from the PSFA Membership Drive **benefit every child at CHS, including yours**. Your child receives –

Student Planners	\$1000
Breakfast prior to standardized tests, midterms and finals	\$1750
BBQ/Color Wars	\$1200
Junior Class Trip Transportation	\$2500
Senior Fitness Trip	\$750
Graduation Cap/Gowns	\$1500
Graduation Awards (students' families <b>must</b> be 4-year members to apply)	\$5000

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paula Dazio at [pdazio59@yahoo.com](mailto:pdazio59@yahoo.com).

Thank you for helping us reach our goal of 100% membership for all CHS families.

*Submitted by PSFA Membership Committee  
Mark Allen, Paula Dazio, Ellen Harrold*

To order photos from any 2010-2011 CHS events, go to  
<http://www.shutterfly.com/pro/CommunicationsHS/2010to2011SchoolYear>

# MAGIC !

## 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER DANCE AND GIFT RAFFLE



The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance and Gift Raffle, *Magic!*, was our most successful event ever. We had more guests than ever before (164!) including faculty, alumni parents, and parents of incoming freshmen. The event was supported by the largest number of CHS families ever, with incredibly generous donations of cash and prizes, as well as with more ads for our program than ever before.

**The event raised over \$10,000 which will fund the PSFA events that benefit all CHS students.**

*During preparations for the Dinner Dance and Gift Raffle, it has been our privilege to witness the generosity and involvement of CHS parents. We are truly a community who are invested in the education of our children! It has been an honor to work with the talented, caring, dedicated parents who contributed to this event.*

A very special thank you to all the volunteers who solicited ads and gifts, transported the gifts to the event, set up and decorated the ballroom, sold raffle tickets, and saw to the other countless details that helped to make this year's event a huge success.

So many people helped create *Magic!* that it would be impossible to thank each one by name. We hope you know that each of you as individuals were essential to the success of the Dinner Dance and Gift Raffle. There are, however, some individuals who deserve special recognition.

- ◇ First of all, we owe many thanks to our principal, **Mr. Gleason**, who is always supportive of the PSFA.
- ◇ Thank you to **all the Faculty Members** who attended that night; it means so much to the PSFA to have the presence of faculty at our events.
- ◇ **Jen Duddy** and **Linda Eosso** did an amazing job of soliciting advertisers for our program....thank you for all your efforts!
- ◇ Many thanks to **Amy and Jay Goldberg** and **John Talamo** who shopped for the "big ticket" raffle items.
- ◇ We are grateful to **Mark Allen** for creating such a beautiful and accurate program for the evening.
- ◇ Thanks to **Mr. Bill Allen** for printing the program for the evening.
- ◇ **Ellen Harrold** created a festive magical atmosphere with beautiful decorations for the ballroom.
- ◇ Alumni Parents **Sue and Paul Jamison** provided creative and fun decorations for the foyer.
- ◇ **Sue Nappi** donated the balloons for the event, as well as creating all of the ticket buckets.
- ◇ Thanks to our "Ticket Master" **Amy Goldberg**, for coordinating all of the raffle ticket and 50/50 ticket sales, and to all of the volunteers who spent much of their evening helping to sell tickets.
- ◇ **John Talamo** provided the music for the evening....with many "magical" songs!
- ◇ We could not have had a gift auction without our gift solicitation team....many thanks to everyone who ventured into a place of business and requested a donation.
- ◇ Thanks to our fabulous setup committee for donating so much of their time, energy and talent: **Laura Burman, Amy and Jay Goldberg, Isabella Grove, Ellen Harrold, John Talamo, Sue Woods.**

We hope that everyone enjoyed this year's event, and hope even more of you will join us next year at our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance and Gift Raffle.

**If you were one of the lucky winners, would you be willing to return the baskets, jewelry stands, frames and easels in which gifts were displayed? If so, please send to the CHS main office. We are already thinking ahead to preparations for the 2012 Dinner Dance and Gift Raffle!**

***Submitted by Cathy Smith and Debbie Talamo, Dinner Dance and Gift Raffle Chairs***

**The following businesses supported the CHS PSFA Dinner Dance  
with donations or program advertisements. Please patronize these establishments.**

Aligado Restaurant  
Arch Brow and Beauty Bar  
Archive Print Inc.  
Around the Corner Art Center  
Art Effects  
Atlantic Club  
Ballew Jewelers  
Brian C. Gibson Paving and Sealcoating  
Clearview Cinemas, Red Bank  
Clydz Restaurant, New Brunswick  
Coast Driving School  
Coldwell Banker/Judy Richardett  
Cooper Rehabilitation and Sports Therapy  
D'Amico and McConnell Realtors  
Dobson Educational Services  
Dr. Joseph Duddy, DMD  
Earth Treasures  
East Coast Auto Body  
Eosso Brothers Paving  
Felice Burns, Avon Representative  
Forcelatti and Sons  
Gatherings  
Greg's Auto Care  
Holdfast Record and Clothing Store  
Home Fitness Repair Treadmill Service and  
Cleaning  
House Call Physicians  
Illusions Salon  
Inlet Outlet Surf Shop  
Jack Patrick Salon and Spa  
Jamison and Jamison, Attorneys at Law  
Jeri Houseworth Photography  
JoAnna Siminerio - Weichert Realtors  
Joe Leone's Italian Specialties  
Juli Mei Boutique and Spa  
Jumping Brook Country Club  
Kate & Company  
Lakewood Blue Claws Baseball  
Life is Good, Spring Lake  
Linda Pressler, CPA LLC  
Mercury Environmental  
Millenium Radio  
Monmouth Music  
Neptune Auto  
New Jersey Devils  
New York Giants  
New York Hair Connection  
New York Jets  
New York Rangers  
Ocean House  
Oceanport Landing  
Pampered Chef, Lynda McLean  
Panera's  
Praxis Legal Solutions  
Princess Maria Diner  
Princeton Review  
Quinderallas Toy Store  
RCB Construction and Painting Crew  
Renarde Salon  
Salkin's Jewelers  
Salon Marsal  
salonkokopelli  
Sea Gulls' Nest  
Shadowbrook  
Shore Massage  
Somerset Patriots Baseball  
Spring Lake Community House  
Spring Lake Jewelers  
Spring Lake Pediatrics  
Squan Dry Goods  
State Theatre, New Brunswick  
Suzanne Monaco-Lia Sophia Jewelry  
Team Worldwide  
The Chapter House  
The Cheese Cave  
The Inbetween Café  
The Macaroon Shop Bakery  
The Mill  
The Paint Place  
The Shrewsbury Chorale  
The Stone Pony  
The White Lilac Inn  
Tommy's Coal Fired Pizza  
Twisted Tree Café  
Two River Theater Company  
Urban Details  
Van Wickle Auto Supply  
Visions Photography  
West End Family Pharmacy  
Weston Gallery  
William Eckler, Public Accountant  
Winks Hair & Lash Studio

## **We could not have had a successful Dinner Dance and Gift Raffle without the support of CHS Families!**

### **A special thank you to our Gift Solicitation Volunteers:**

Cindy Allen	Ellen D'Amico	Ellen Reilly	Penny Towey
Mark Allen	Jennifer Duddy	Theresa Sauta	Sue Woods
Meredith Brennan	Isabella Grove	Dawn Serani	Diane Viola
Sally Capotorto	Jennifer Maurer	Cathy Smith	Dianne Zirkel
Tina Cros	Suzanne Monaco	Debbie Talamo	

### **Many thanks to the CHS Families who donated many of the items which were included in the raffle baskets:**

Aaron Family	Garruzzo Family	Nappi Family	Turner Family
Amadeo Family	Goldberg Family	Paige Family	Weiner Family
Badger Family	Gombos Family	Palfini Family	Wingerter Family
Baker Family	Harman Family	Palsi Family	Woods Family
Burman Family	Iannone Family	Santos/Vieira Family	Ziobro Family
Cosditis Family	Kelly Family	Sauta Family	
Dazio Family	Maurer Family	Serani Family	Alumni:
Ditzel Family	McGarry Family	Skorupski Family	McCauslin
Dolan Family	McLean Family	Smith Family	
Eareckson Family	Monaco Family	Swenarton Family	
Forcillo Family	Naphtali Family	Talamo Family	

### **Many thanks to the CHS Families who donated cash to help create raffle baskets:**

Acerra	Eareckson	Karch	Short
Algava	Eosso	Keller	Smith
Amato	Feaver	Maher	Sorrentino
Badaracco	Forcillo	Massaro	Stornelli
Badger	Frazee	McManus	Swiggart
Balsamo	Fredericks	Murphy	Trupio
Bandilla	Furchak	Murray	Vernick
Barofsky	Gandler	Ofeldt	Wallach
Bogner	Gibson	Palmer	Yu
Cangialosi	Gillies	Palmieri	Zimmer
Capotorto	Gleason	Palsi	
Cavanaugh	Goldstein	Pettit	
Cleffi	Goudsward	Pirogovsky	<u>Class of 2015:</u>
Cocchi	Guerrasio	Prascsak	Kelleher
Cornette	Hagman	Principe	Neuwirth
D'Amico	Harrold	Reilly	Wheeler
DeFazio	Heinmets	Richardett	
Do	Heinmets	Sangiorgio	Alumni: Luma
Duddy	latesta	Scuteri	





## THE CHS PSFA LAUNCHES FUNDRAISING PROGRAM WITH VIRIDIAN ENERGY

**VIRIDIAN ENERGY** is a socially responsible energy company providing greener electricity at an affordable price. Viridian was founded with the vision to empower its customers to make a difference in the environment and their personal lives simply by switching energy providers. For customers, the benefits are reduced monthly bills and using greener energy. After you become a customer, **the PSFA will earn residual dollars every month.**

### **THE POWER OF CHOICE**

Did you know that you have the power to choose your electricity provider? New Jersey has deregulated the generation of electricity, allowing you to choose where you buy your power. You use electricity every day. It powers your alarm clock, your lights, your coffeemaker, your television and your computer. That's a lot of power. **Let your energy benefit the PSFA.**

### **IT'S SAFE AND EASY TO SWITCH**

Enrolling with Viridian is safe and easy. The best part is nothing changes for you. You will continue to receive one bill and the same reliable service, from your local utility. The only difference you will see if Viridian's name and low rate listed on the bill.

### **Here are the benefits for you!**

- Earn residual dollars for the PSFA
- Affordable, greener energy
- Reliable delivery and service provided by your local utility
- No long-term contracts, setup or cancellation fees
- Enroll online or by phone in less than 5 minutes

To sign up, go to [www.viridian.com/communicationshighschool.com](http://www.viridian.com/communicationshighschool.com) and have your electric bill handy. Click on "*Become a Customer*" at the top right of the page and follow the prompts. If you need assistance, contact Susan Jamison at 732-275-5684.





## *Cultural Communications Fair 2011*

### *“Wanted: Compassion”*

Friday, May 6 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

All CHS students and their families are invited!

Tickets: \$5 per person / \$10 per family

We are very excited that on May 6, 2011, the Cultural Communications Club will host its Annual Cultural Communications Fair. The fair is a marvelous event in which the members of the club work very hard to present the food, music, and history of cultures around the world to raise money in support of a selected beneficiary. The fair will be named “Wanted: Compassion” because all the proceeds of the fair will be sent to Saint Jude’s Hospital to support the amazing work that the hospital does to provide children who suffer from cancer with the medical attention that they deserve regardless of their financial situation.

In order to increase the donation we can make to Saint Jude’s, we are asking for the support of parents, local restaurants, and grocery stores. It would be greatly appreciated if you considered this petition, so that we can reach our goal of making the largest possible donation to Saint Jude’s Hospital.

No contribution is too small or too large! Breads and cakes, juices and bottles of soda, plates, napkins, plastic cups, utensils, salads, entrées; any contribution would be appreciated. Please let us know if you are willing to make a donation and how you would like to contribute by completing the form below and sending it to the CHS office.

Thank you in advance for considering this request.

Tickets will be sold in school and at the door. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Anyone interested in helping in this great event, please contact Mrs. Campbell at [sabina\\_campbell@chs.mcvsd.org](mailto:sabina_campbell@chs.mcvsd.org).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Food item \_\_\_\_\_

Other Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this portion by April 27, 2011

*Congratulations to*

***Laura Gesin***

*Communications High School  
2011 Teacher of the Year*

*Thank you for your dedication to CHS and its students.*





# STUDENTS

## Digital Video Students Showcased

The DV Club is proud to announce that the following films were a part of the Fargo Film Festival in Fargo, ND:

Guilty As Charged - Meghan Kaltenschach  
Jelly Beans - Holland Farkas  
Pennies - Chris Landi  
Eternal Rest - Mike Smith  
What's Your Fortune? - Andrea Massaro

Sweet Victory - Alex Winchell and Mike DiGioia  
Alphabet - Bryan Brown  
Babysitting - Maria Todd  
The Misadventures of Chris Landy –  
Bryan Scuteri

In addition, the following films were accepted into the San Joaquin International Film Festival:

The Signal.exe - Bryan Scuteri, Meghan Kaltenschach & Alex Winchell  
Inspiration - Holly Horne  
True Charity - Andrew Palmer  
What's Your Fortune? - Andrea Massaro

What's Your Fortune? by Andrea Massaro and The Bird Away From Home by Bryan Scuteri and Lauren Neville have been accepted to the Foursite Film Festival in Ogden, Utah.

The short documentary Under the Undercut by Holland Farkas, Meghan Kaltenschach, Bryan Brown and Caroline Palsi was an official entrant into the International Documentary Challenge.

The DV Club's annual film festival, Cinemadness VI will be held on May 12, 2011 at the Clearview Cinemas in Ocean Township from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. More information will be coming soon.

*Submitted by David Salowe, Digital Video Instructor*



The annual Mr. CHS competition was held on Friday, February 25. Hosted by Maria Todd, Sarah Gleason and Sean Brennan, the event was well attended and enjoyed. Contestants included James Waring, Tony Diaz, Justin Lippert, Tim Viola, Kevin Erskine, Mike DeSocia, Alex Pettit, Eric Gillies, Andy Cerner, Nick Quilles, Sean Allen and Ray Saker. The theme for this year was "High School Stereotypes."

Tradition continued with all the contestants entertaining the audience with a group dance. This year the competition had two new segments: a physical challenge round in which the contestants played a game of "MR. CHS SAYS" led by the reigning Mr. CHS, Corey Plunket; and an audience choice vote was won by Tony Diaz.

The talent round showcased a wide range of skills including singing, dancing, stand-up comedy, and even "snake" charming. After much deliberation, the judges declared Junior Andy Cerner Mr. CHS 2011. First runner up was freshmen Tim Viola.

The SGA Council would like to thank all the contestants, their escorts, and the judges; the MR. CHS Committee; Brian Murphy who took care of sound; Mr. Clark and the Drama Club for allowing use of the stage; and the InkBlot for selling refreshments. It was a very successful night and we could not have done it without all of you.

*Submitted by Mrs. Sharyn O'Keefe, Student Government Association Adviser*

## *From the Guidance Department...*

**Seniors:** This is a time of great anxiety for seniors. Some are still waiting to hear if they have been accepted at their reach schools. Others are trying to decide where to send the deposit that will hold that spot at the college they will call home for the next four years. Many colleges hold "Accepted Student" days. When two or more colleges have offered similar packages and the choice is hard to make, an additional visit where you can meet the incoming class is a great opportunity to finalize that decision. Please have your children stop by the guidance office if they are having trouble deciding where to go. We will help them weigh the pros and cons of each choice. Once the decision is made, an excellent book to read and discuss is 1001 Things Every College Student Needs to Know by Harry H. Harrison. It has practical information and sensitive topics that should be discussed before students move away from home. It is available at Amazon.com or at Barnes & Noble.

Often, once the college choice is made, seniors feel they are finished with high school and ready to coast through the final weeks of school. Please be aware that attendance and grades still count. Colleges may rescind acceptance or scholarship offers if there is a radical decline in grades when the final transcript is sent. But most of all, seniors must graduate from high school to be able to attend college. Every year we have had students who jeopardize their college acceptance. It is painful when a student is not allowed to graduate because they have failed a class. Please do not let this happen in the Class of 2011.

**Juniors:** At the Junior Parent Night on March 10<sup>th</sup> you were given a package of forms that need to be returned to the guidance office. Please remember the due date of April 1<sup>st</sup>. This packet includes the transcript release form, the student self-evaluation, parent response form, and request for letters of recommendation form. Please try to be complete and return the first three forms to the guidance office by the due date. This information is invaluable for writing letters of recommendation.

Also, your children should be registering for the May 7 or June 4 SATs (April 8 is the deadline for May and May 6 is the deadline for June). If they are considering taking SAT II (Subject Tests) for a subject they have second semester, then June is the ideal time for those tests.

The New Jersey National College Fair will be held: on Wednesday April 6 at the NJ Convention and Exposition Center in Edison from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 6:00 to 8:30 pm; on April 4 at the Ranney School in Tinton Falls at 7:00 on Thursday April 7 at Brookdale Community College from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

**Sophomores:** We will be meeting individually with each sophomore. We will explain the elective courses for next year and that some junior year electives are prerequisites for senior year electives. If they want to follow the art path, then Illustration and Design is a prerequisite for Advanced Design. If they want film, then DV II is a prerequisite for Electronic Field Production; Live Studio Production is a prerequisite for Advanced Studio Production. Also, during these meetings we emphasized the many facets of the Naviance Program. We have asked them to complete the *Personality Type* and *Career Interest Survey* if they have not done so already. We showed them how to do a college search and how to find out if other students from CHS were accepted at that college.

**Freshmen:** Counselors will meet with freshmen individually in April. We will be focusing on using Naviance to begin to explore career interests. We will remind students that they should focus on keeping their GPA above 92 if they want to be considered for National Honor Society. The requirements for NHS are outlined in the student handbook and reinforced on the BBS. Students must have 100 hours of community service and 50 hours of leadership. Some of the hours in both categories must be in school and some in the community. The summer is a great time to get community service hours. The students can volunteer with a hospital, the Red Cross, an animal shelter, the local library, or at a vacation bible school. Community service cannot be paid (in most instances) or for your own family. (Sorry, free babysitting for younger siblings does not count.)

**All Students:** The midterm exams will be given on Monday, April 4 for periods 1 and 3, and on Tuesday, April 5 for periods 2 and 4. The year really starts to move at a blistering pace after midterms, so please help your children keep focused academically.

*Submitted by Sandra Gidos, Guidance Counselor*



# National Honor Society News

March was a busy month for the National Honor Society as members continued with weekly Exit Sales, two senior citizen computer classes, and providing refreshments for the monthly PSFA meeting. In addition, Chairperson Alyssa McGarry directed a paper chain "links" sale every day for a week and raised \$200.00 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Just around the corner in April and May, the NHS has several events planned, including Computer Classes, Exit Sales, a tile art project to benefit the Child Advocacy Center, as well as events with Kateri Environmental Center in Marlboro. We are also in the process of setting up a visit with the Ronald McDonald House of Long Branch, where members will cook dinner for a number of families as part of the Caring Cooks Program.

The annual **NHS Blood Drive** will be held on **Wednesday, May 11** from **8:00 am until 12:15 pm**. Parents, family, or friends who wish to donate blood can send their name and contact information to Mrs. Mazzacco at [kmazzacco@chs.mcvsd.org](mailto:kmazzacco@chs.mcvsd.org). The NHS Committee will then contact them with an appointment for the day of the Blood Drive. As always, thank you for your support!

**Submitted by Alli Cooper, NHS Public Relations Officer**



NHS Members Kevin Chu and Olivia Guerrasio assist students at the NHS Senior Citizen Computer Class on March 3, 2011.



Name of donor _____ Phone # _____ E-mail _____  I wish to donate: ___ blood ___ platelets
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## HAND PAINTED GIFT BAGS

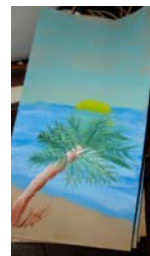
- Spring/ Summer Themed Gift Bags  
Two sizes all with coordinating gift tag/ tissue paper included
- Medium - \$2 each (3 for \$5)
  - Large - \$3 each (2 for \$5)

To purchase these beautiful hand painted bags contact:  
Paula Dazio  
(732) 741-3824  
[pdazio59@yahoo.com](mailto:pdazio59@yahoo.com)

**All proceeds benefit the CHS PSFA!**

***These are only two of many beautiful designs! Contact Paula to see others!***

***Select number of hand painted garden slates also available!***



# Faculty Forum

## Freshmen Start off Spring Semester with Effective Speech

Effective Speech is designed to help ninth grade students develop the skills necessary to become effective communicators. Since my philosophy is that students learn best by doing, classroom activities have included creative assignments that promote student participation and involvement. Given that many students are fearful of speaking, we began the marking period with partner speeches. This skit project helped decrease the students' anxiety while allowing them to be creative and dramatic. The rest of the term will provide students with some very invaluable skills, allowing them to organize ideas, be aware of nonverbal messages and to continue to develop interpersonally.

*Submitted by Kelly Harmon, English & Effective Speech Instructor*



Noah Gorstein & Caroline Palsi strike a pose after their first skit performance.



Sarah Pearson takes on the role of crime investigator and Sydney Kamil plays the role of a victim.

## ***Class of 2011 Hosts the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother's Day/Spring Flower Sale!!!!***



Please think of us first for your spring flower needs this year.

You will find individual order forms on pages **13 and 14**. Order forms and payment can be sent in with your son or daughter and are due to Mrs. Gomez, Class Advisor, in Room 207 or in the main office no later than **Tuesday April 26, 2011**. If needed, additional order forms can be picked up in the main office or printed out from this issue of the Communiqué.

**The flower pickup date is scheduled for Thursday May 5, 2011 after school from 3:00 to 6:30 pm.**

Please contact Mrs. Gomez at [JGomez@chs.mcvsd.org](mailto:JGomez@chs.mcvsd.org) or (732) 681-1010 with any questions.

Thanks ***a bunch!***

*Submitted by Jeanine Gomez, Class of 2011 Advisor*

**CLASS OF 2011 FUNDRAISER**  
**MOTHER'S DAY/SPRING PLANT SALE**

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

**Order forms must be dropped off at CHS by Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME OF THE ORDER IN THE FORM OF CASH OR CHECK**  
**(Checks payable to CHS Activities Fund)**

**Flowers must be picked up at CHS on Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 6:30 p.m.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Flowers must be picked up at CHS on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 7:00 pm.**

**Bedding Flats: \$6.00 per ½ Flat (24 plants)**

**Choose from Impatiens, Petunias, Marigolds, Begonias, and/or Snapdragons**

**IMPATIENS**

# of RED \_\_\_\_\_ # of WHITE \_\_\_\_\_ # of PINK \_\_\_\_\_ # of LAVENDER \_\_\_\_\_ # of SALMON \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL # OF ½ FLATS \_\_\_\_\_ Subtotal for Impatiens \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PETUNIAS**

# of RED \_\_\_\_\_ # of WHITE \_\_\_\_\_ # of PINK \_\_\_\_\_ # of PURPLE \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL # OF ½ FLATS - \_\_\_\_\_ Subtotal for Petunias - \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**MARIGOLDS (Height 10 – 12")**

# of YELLOW \_\_\_\_\_ # of ORANGE \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL # OF ½ FLATS - \_\_\_\_\_ Subtotal for Marigolds - \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**BEGONIAS**

# of RED \_\_\_\_\_ # of WHITE \_\_\_\_\_ # of PINK \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle one:** dark OR light      dark OR light      dark OR light

**TOTAL # OF ½ FLATS - \_\_\_\_\_ Subtotal for Begonias - \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**SNAPDRAGONS**

# of Snapdragons (Multicolored Only) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL # OF ½ FLATS - \_\_\_\_\_ Subtotal for Snapdragons - \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**SUBTOTAL FROM PAGE 1 - \$ \_\_\_\_\_**



**CLASS OF 2011 FUNDRAISER**  
**MOTHER'S DAY/SPRING PLANT SALE**

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

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**4" POTS / \$3.00 per pot**

CUTTING GERANIUMS

NEW GUINEA IMPATIENTS

# of RED \_\_\_ # of WHITE \_\_\_ # of PINK \_\_\_ # of RED \_\_\_ # of WHITE \_\_\_ # of PINK \_\_\_

Subtotal for Geraniums - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal for Impatients - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**8" HANGING BASKETS / \$10.00 per basket**

# of FUSCHIA \_\_\_\_\_ Subtotal for Fuschia \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**10" HANGING BASKETS / \$12.00 per basket**

CUTTING GERANIUMS

NEW GUINEA IMPATIENTS

# of RED \_\_\_ # of WHITE \_\_\_ # of PINK \_\_\_ # of RED \_\_\_ # of WHITE \_\_\_ # of PINK \_\_\_

Subtotal for Geraniums - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal for Impatiens - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SUBTOTAL FROM PAGE 1 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SUBTOTAL FROM PAGE 2 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL (PAGE 1 + 2) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAID = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

cash      check (circle one)

Orders due by **Tuesday April 26**



# CLUB CORNER

## **Drama Club**

The Drama Club's hard work paid off last month at their March 24 and 25 performances of *Slaughterhouse-Five*. Congratulations to the cast and crew for a fabulous show! We would like to thank all parents for donations of food, props, and their time, and of course for giving rides to and from many rehearsals. Thank you to all who attended the shows and for your continued support of the Drama Club!

**Shannon Towey** has held many positions during her four years as part of the Drama Club. She acted throughout her freshmen and sophomore years, and produced during her junior and senior years. She'll miss the Drama Club because of how fun it is, but plans to participate in something theater related at the University of Chicago, where she will attend this fall.

**Megan Towey** has been working with the club since her freshmen year. Her Drama Club career includes acting in Teen Arts, helping to direct, and producing for two years. Megan will miss the way the club accomplishes things with their great enthusiasm, but is excited to continue drama in college.

**Cole Gallagher** has acted in six plays since joining the Drama Club in his sophomore year. He will miss the group dynamic and being with his friends in the club. Although he has always acted in the Drama Club, Cole does not plan to act at Quinnipiac, where he will be attending this fall.

**Becca Nappi** has been part of the Drama Club since her sophomore year. She has been very involved in the building aspects of tech, and looks forward to building projects she has planned for the future. Becca will miss being able to build sets and the people in the Drama Club when she goes to college in the fall.

*Submitted by Carrie Blodi, Drama Club Member*

## **Spring Spirit Week 2011 Is Coming !**

Spring Spirit week planning is underway. The SGA Council has announced the themes and competitions that will run during the week of April 11- 15.

Monday: **Pajama Day** - Gherkin Ball Mixed Doubles Tournament during activity/lunch

Tuesday: **Sports Day** - Balloon Pop competition during activity/lunch

Wednesday: **NJ Pride Day** - Cup Cake Bake-Off during activity/lunch (Dr. Seuss theme)

Thursday: **Hallway Decorating Theme Day** (Favorite Childhood TV Show or Book)

Friday: **Class Color Day** - Lip Sync Contest during activity/lunch

Good luck to all the classes!!!

## COMMUNICATIONS HIGH SCHOOL APRIL–MAY 2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>APRIL 4 – MONDAY</b>	EXAMS 1 AND 3 OPEN AFTER SCHOOL	2:30–4:00 PM
<b>APRIL 5 – TUESDAY</b>	EXAMS 2 AND 4 END OF MARKING PERIOD 3	
<b>APRIL 6 – WEDNESDAY</b>	OPEN AFTER SCHOOL	2:30–4:00 PM
<b>APRIL 7 – THURSDAY</b>	PSFA MEETING	7:30 PM
<b>APRIL 8 – FRIDAY</b>	OPEN AFTER SCHOOL SGA EVENT HOSTED BY THE FRESHMAN CLASS	6:30 PM
<b>APRIL 11 –15</b>	SPRING SPIRIT WEEK	
<b>APRIL 12 – TUESDAY</b>	REPORT CARDS HANDED OUT	
<b>APRIL 13 – WEDNESDAY</b>	FRESHMAN ORIENTATION – CLASS OF 2015	6:30 PM
<b>APRIL 14 – THURSDAY</b>	OPEN AFTER SCHOOL	2:30–4:00 PM
<b>APRIL 18 – 25</b>	SCHOOL CLOSED-SPRING BREAK	6:00 PM
<b>APRIL 26 – TUESDAY</b>	SCHOOL RESUMES	2:30–4:00 PM
<b>APRIL 28 – WEDNESDAY</b>	OPEN AFTER SCHOOL	2:30–4:00 PM
<b>APRIL 28 – THURSDAY</b>	OPEN AFTER SCHOOL	2:30–4:00 PM
<b>MAY 2 – MONDAY</b>	OPEN AFTER SCHOOL	2:30–4:00 PM
<b>MAY 4 – WEDNESDAY</b>	PSFA SPONSORED ASSEMBLY- DR. MICHAEL FOWLIN	
<b>MAY 5 – THURSDAY</b>	PSFA MEETING	7:30 PM
<b>MAY 6 – FRIDAY</b>	SENIOR TRIP CULTURAL FAIR	8:00 AM 6:00 PM
<b>MAY 9 – MONDAY</b>	CAMPUS SAFETY PRESENTATION-SENIORS OPEN AFTER SCHOOL	1:00 PM 2:30–4:00 PM
<b>MAY 11 – WEDNESDAY</b>	NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BLOOD DRIVE	
<b>MAY 12 – THURSDAY</b>	CINEMADNESS FILM FESTIVAL	6:30 PM–9:00 PM
<b>MAY 16 – MONDAY</b>	OPEN AFTER SCHOOL	2:30–4:00 PM
<b>MAY 18 – WEDNESDAY</b>	PROGRESS REPORTS MAILED HOME	
<b>MAY 19 – THURSDAY</b>	CLASS OF 2012 SENIOR PORTRAITS	9:00 AM
<b>MAY 20 – FRIDAY</b>	CHS PROM	7:00 PM
<b>MAY 23 – MONDAY</b>	CLASS OF 2012 SENIOR PORTRAITS OPEN AFTER SCHOOL	8:00 AM 2:30–4:00 PM
<b>MAY 25 – WEDNESDAY</b>	CLASS OF 2015 PLACEMENT TEST	3:00 PM
<b>MAY 26 – THURSDAY</b>	OPEN AFTER SCHOOL	2:30–4:00 PM
<b>MAY 27 – FRIDAY</b>	SOPHOMORE CLASS CAR WASH	3:00–5:00 PM
<b>MAY 30 – MONDAY</b>	SCHOOL CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAY	