

# CHS Communiqué

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## Principally Connected

By James R. Gleason, Principal

Welcome back to all the students, faculty and parents of CHS. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Please mark your calendar for Back to School Night, Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 PM, as we introduce all of our teachers and you can go through your child's schedule at CHS.

Welcome to our new staff members at CHS.

Mrs. Hynes – Secretary

Mrs. Caruso – Guidance Counselor

Mr. Moran – Maternity Replacement for Health

Mrs. Fiocchi-Marden – Maternity

Replacement for Visual Communication

During the first week of school I will be handing out Student Handbooks. I encourage you to review the handbook with your student so you are aware of the rules and board policies as they relate to CHS and the career academies of Monmouth County. On the first page of the handbook is a sign off sheet that requires a student and parent signature indicating that you have received and reviewed the handbook.

Parents, please attend our monthly PSFA meetings at CHS. Our first PSFA meeting will be on the evening of Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 pm. If you have questions regarding CHS, this is a good opportunity to get out and network with other parents.

As a reminder, our school calendar and up-to-date information is available from our website <http://www.chs.mcvsd.org>. I am always available to answer questions you may have, and it is my goal that your son or daughter have a successful education while attending CHS. Best of luck in this 2011 – 2012 school year!

## BACK TO SCHOOL

**STUDENTS: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

**PARENTS: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 7:30 PM - PSFA MEETING**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 6:30 PM - BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

## **Congratulations to the Student Government Association officers and the Class Council members for 2011 – 2012.**

### **STUDENT OFFICERS**

#### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

##### **Advisor**

Mrs. O'Keefe

##### **President**

Carly Ferreira

##### **Vice President**

Gabrielle Maurer

##### **Council**

Kiera Brennan

Marc Ferre

Monica Marrone

#### **CLASS OF 2012 – Senior**

##### **Advisor**

Ms. Lane

##### **President**

Amanda Librizzi

##### **Vice President**

Brian Murphy

##### **Fundraising**

Alyssa McGarry

##### **Treasurer**

Mary Badger

##### **Events Manager**

Carly Goldstein

#### **CLASS OF 2013- Junior**

##### **Advisor**

Mrs. Clevenger

##### **President**

Christian Kelly

##### **Vice President**

Ciara Cornette

##### **Council**

Brian Principe

Tyler Richardett

Taylor Walters

#### **CLASS 2014 - Sophomore**

##### **Advisor**

Mr. Mann

##### **President**

Mary Saydah

##### **Vice Presidents**

Charlotte List &

David Pulmieri

##### **Treasurer**

Bridget Bolshem

##### **Events Manager**

Olivia Reizer

### **Co-Presidents' Corner**

*By Debbie and John Talamo  
Parents of Gina-Class of 2014*

"Happy September! We want to take this opportunity to wish you all a successful school year. The Parent Student Faculty Association (PSFA) works together with all elements of CHS to enhance the positive experience of attending the school. The PSFA provides CHS Students and Staff perks and extras to add to the wonderful environment of CHS. This is our first year as Co-presidents and our 5th as members. It is our pleasure to serve in this capacity. Enjoy the useful information contained herein and don't hesitate to share any ideas with the PSFA Management Committee. Please join us in making this the best year ever at CHS! "

#### **CHS PSFA 2011-2012 OFFICERS**

##### **Co-President:**

Debbie Talamo

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

##### **Co-President:**

John Talamo

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

##### **Vice-President:**

George Amadeo

[Ninigeorge716@verizon.net](mailto:Ninigeorge716@verizon.net)

##### **Treasurer:**

Isabella Grove

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

##### **Recording Secretary:**

Cindy Allen

[cindylouallen@comcast.net](mailto:cindylouallen@comcast.net)

##### **Corresponding Secretary:**

Eda Saeger

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

# ***The PSFA Needs Your Help!!!***

Planning for the 2011-2012 school year involves seeking leadership and members for all PSFA committees. Please consider chairing or joining one or more of the following committees. Not only will you have the satisfaction of helping to enrich our students' experience at CHS, but you will also have the opportunity to work with the many other dedicated parents who volunteer their time and efforts.

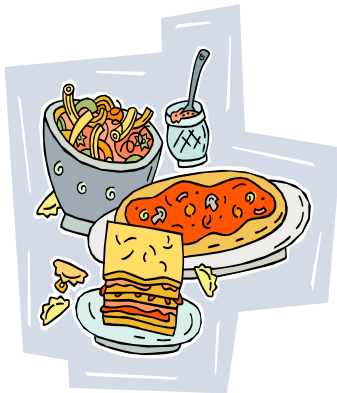
- \_\_\_ **Fundraising:** Recommend, arrange, and conduct activities to raise operating funds. The fundraising activities currently planned for 2011-2012 year are:
  - \_\_\_ Dinner Dance and Gift Raffle
  - \_\_\_ Magazine Sales
  - \_\_\_ Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping
- \_\_\_ **Hospitality** Welcome guests and new members, provide snack items and/or gifts for PSFA meetings, Back to School Night, Teacher Appreciation Week, etc.
- \_\_\_ **Membership:** Conduct the annual membership drive and ensure membership dues are current, maintain a list of all active members, and publish the PSFA Directory.
- \_\_\_ **Newsletter** Collect, edit, publish, and distribute information relevant to the activities of students and parents of CHS on a regular basis.
- \_\_\_ **Parent/Student/Faculty Activities** Plan, prepare, and execute the following events:
  - \_\_\_ Pasta Party
  - \_\_\_ Barbecue

Please check the committees in which you are interested and return this form to school in an envelope marked CHS PSFA. If you prefer, email Debbie Talamo at [dtalamo@optonline.net](mailto:dtalamo@optonline.net) with your information or with any questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Mark your calendars...**

**MAMA MIA!**

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!**

**BACK TO SCHOOL PASTA PARTY**

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:30 pm

The CHS PSFA Back to School Pasta Party is a fun evening out, and a chance to get acquainted with other CHS students and their families! Watch for a flyer with details on signing up for this great event!

***A chairperson is needed to organize the details of this event. Please contact Debbie Talamo at [dtalamo@optonline.net](mailto:dtalamo@optonline.net) to volunteer.***

## *Princeton Review Partnership*

### **Fall 2011 PSAT**

The PSFA has established a partnership with The Princeton Review to offer classes at discounted rates to our students to help them prepare for college admissions testing. What does this mean? The Princeton Review test preparation service will provide free national testing days at our school with diagnostic results for each student.

PSAT classes will be offered for only \$99. Regular tuition for this program is \$299. This is a great opportunity for students who want to gain better insight into their strengths and weaknesses and also for those planning on taking these tests.

This fall we have planned a three-session PSAT preparation class for our sophomore and junior students that are scheduled to take the PSAT on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost of this class is \$75.

### **PSAT Prep schedule:**

Monday, September 26	2:45 – 5:15PM	Practice Test
Monday, October 3	2:45 – 5:45PM	Prep Class
Wednesday, October 5	2:45 – 5:45PM	Prep Class

SAT prep classes will also be offered at CHS to prep for the March SAT. Check your “snail mail” for upcoming information.

## *A note from the editor...*

By Mary Miele

Welcome back to what I am sure to be another productive year at CHS. If any parent has an article or information you would like to see included in future issues of the PSFA newsletter, please feel free to contact me.

*Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Get all your CHS news and information in*

**Communiqué**

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The *Communiqué* uses a “paperless” distribution system. We distribute the newsletter and other important PSFA announcements via our email system. **Please take a moment to register online at <http://chs-psfa.org/communique/>.**

You may register as many emails as you would like and can un-subscribe at any time. Of course, we never give away your personal information. Contact Mark Allen at 732-216-4350 or [mark@redbankweb.com](mailto:mark@redbankweb.com) with any questions.



## Hope Starts Here...at CHS! 2011: Our 7th CHS Walk for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

For the 7th year in a row, CHS will be walking as a team to raise money for breast cancer research. The first 100 team members will receive a CHS Team Spirit '11 t-shirt.

This year, hundreds of thousands of people will hear the words "you have breast cancer," and there is a good chance that some of them will be people we know and love. CHS has chosen to fight back against this disease and help make a difference by participating in the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer® walk in Point Pleasant ... and I hope you will join us.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is our opportunity to honor and celebrate breast cancer survivors, educate women about early detection and prevention, and raise money to fund lifesaving research and support programs to help fight breast cancer. But **Making Strides** is more than just the name of a walk. It describes the amazing progress we can make if we work together to defeat this disease.

Below is a link to the CHS team page. I hope you will visit the site and sign up to join the team. Hope starts with me and it can continue with you. Please join our team and walk with us to experience an incredible day of inspiration and meaning, and to provide hope for all people facing breast cancer.

[Hope starts with you and me. Let's walk!](#)

<b>Date:</b>	Sunday, October 16, 2011
<b>Location:</b>	Point Pleasant Breakpoint, Point Pleasant, NJ
<b>Schedule:</b>	9:30 am – Meet for bagels at the bank parking lot across from the train station on Arnold Avenue 10:15 am – Walk begins

***Submitted by Maryanne Rodriguez, Technology Teacher***

# ONE-TIME DONATION

## A SPECIAL OFFER TO CHS FAMILIES

The Communications High School PSFA has a number of fundraisers planned for the 2010-2011 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](#).



## PSFA MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year when we pack up the sun block, dust off the beach chairs and start planting mums and pumpkins. Welcome back to all our returning families and greetings to all our incoming families. We are happy to have you as part of our CHS family.

Your PSFA Membership Committee has been hard at work putting the finishing touches on the **2011-12 PSFA Student/Family Directory**. Thank you to all those families who responded to letters, phone calls, and emails. There is still a very short time to help us reach our goal of 100% participation in the PSFA. Please complete the attached form and send in your check for your membership fee. Even better, consider renewing your membership for the remainder of your child's time at CHS. Simply make out your check to the CHS PSFA for **\$35 per remaining school year until your child's graduation**. In order to be included in the directory distributed at Back to School Night, **we must receive your membership form/check no later than Wednesday, September 7, 2011** . **Forms received after this date will be entered into the addendum distributed later in the fall.**

The PSFA benefits **ALL** students by providing –

- Bagel Breakfasts prior to midterm/final exams
- Student Planners
- Faculty Grants
- Junior Class trip transportation
- Senior Class fitness trip transportation
- End of school year BBQ
- Graduation caps/gowns for all seniors
- PSFA Directory
- Eligibility for ten \$500 PSFA Graduation Awards presented each year to Seniors. (Please note, PSFA Membership entitles students to apply for the award. You **must** be a member –  
Class of 2012 – Junior/Senior Years  
Class of 2013 – Sophomore/Junior/Senior years (Design Academy students must be members for their 2 years at CHS).  
Class of 2014/Class of 2015 – Freshmen through Senior Years

Your PSFA Membership helps to share the costs. Please consider doing your part. Any questions, please contact [pdazio59@yahoo.com](mailto:pdazio59@yahoo.com). Thank you.

Submitted by Mark Allen/Paula Dazio – Membership Committee





## Communications High School PSFA MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY FORM

This form and payment must be received by **September 7, 2011** for inclusion in directory.

All Communications High School PSFA members have the option to be included in the directory published by the PSFA for members. Check "YES" for each item that you want included in the directory.

**Mail to: Paula Dazio, 2 Amy Way, Red Bank, NJ 07701**

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Check one box

- Renew until Graduation**  
     \_\_years X \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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

#### PSFA USE ONLY

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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