

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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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 welcome the families of the CHS Class of 2018 to CHS and welcome back the families of our upperclassmen. We hope you all are ready for another great year at CHS!

CHS, as a Monmouth County Academy, is unique in that it is made up of students from all over our very large county. A major goal of the CHS Parent Student Faculty Association is to provide opportunities for our geographically divergent families to come together. An equally important goal of the PSFA is to provide programs that have the potential to benefit the entire student body.

We welcome the new officers of the PSFA: Diane Harvey, Vice President, parent of Julia, Class of 2016; Anthony Quattrocchi, Recording Secretary, parent of Anthony, Class of 2017; and Janice Quattrocchi, Corresponding Secretary, parent of Anthony, Class of 2017. Welcome back to Joann Passentino, Treasurer, parent of Cassie, Class of 2016.

The PSFA is fortunate to have a very enthusiastic and active membership. All of our committees need parent volunteers to succeed! Please consider getting involved. It is great to have the opportunity to meet with other parents and Mr. Gleason on a monthly basis at our meetings. Of course, the PSFA could not function without the support of Mr. Gleason and all the CHS staff. We are grateful for everything they do to help the PSFA thrive.

We encourage **all** CHS families to join the PSFA. Your membership is crucial to providing the programs and events we sponsor for CHS students. One of the benefits to PSFA membership is the **CHS PSFA Student Family Directory**. All PSFA members receive a copy and have the option to be included in the directory. Another benefit is that students whose families are members of the PSFA are eligible to apply for the ten \$500 PSFA Graduation Awards that the PSFA presents each June.

Already, many committees are hard at work. Stephanie Ladiana and Patricia Lober have conducted our **Membership Drive** and are in the process of producing the **CHS PSFA Student Family Directory** to facilitate our students and their families keeping in touch. The PSFA is happy to say we are planning a **Back to School Bonfire**, scheduled for Friday, September 26th. Watch for details in a future Email.

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. Our meetings are scheduled on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30. Our first meeting of this year, however, is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10th. We are always available by phone or email.

We hope to see you at our first meeting on Wednesday, September 10th, at 7:30 pm, and at Back to School Night on September 17th at 6:30 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!!!



CHS Back To School Bonfire!

Date: Friday, September 26th

Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Location: 2nd Ave Beach, Belmar

*Rain date: Saturday, September 27th

START YOUR ENGINES



DRIVER EDUCATION THEORY CLASS WILL AGAIN BE OFFERED TO ANY STUDENT AGES 15 AND OLDER AT COMMUNICATIONS HIGH SCHOOL. THE SESSION WILL BEGIN JANUARY 7, 2015 AND WILL RUN FOR TEN CONSECUTIVE WEDNESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 11TH (WEATHER PERMITTING) FROM 2:45 UNTIL 4:45 PM. THE COST WILL BE \$150 (CASH OR MONEY ORDER) AND PARENTS WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP CHAPERONE. PLEASE EMAIL CHS.PSFA@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER EARLY (PAYMENTS DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS).



National Honor Society applicants facing a quick deadline for submissions

National Honor Society applicants, please be advised that your Letter of Interest is due, signed, to Ms. Lane in Room 142 by Thursday, September 11. There will be a mandatory meeting for all applicants on the following day, September 12, at 10:35 in Room 142. If you will miss the meeting, contact Ms. Lane in advance. We look forward to including our new members in our endeavors!

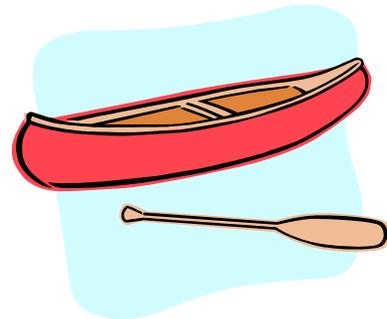
Lace up for these upcoming CHS Fitness Events from the Health and Physical Education Department

Mark your calendars for these CHS Fitness Events:

Monday, September 15: Senior Class Canoe Trip and Picnic

Wednesday, October 29: Annual CHS 3v3 Basketball Tournament

Wednesday, April 15, 2015: 2nd Annual 6v6 Volleyball Tournament



*Ginny Clevenger
Teacher of Health and Physical Education
Advisor, Class of 2017*

Outsmart the SAT

Learn A Strategy For Every Question You'll Face On The SAT

The Catalyst SAT Bootcamp is a momentum-boosting seminar that arms students with go-to strategies for every question they'll face on the day of the test. Topics include how to:

- Spot hidden clues that instantly reveal the main idea in long reading passages
- Avoid the four snekiest ways SAT Grammar questions try to trick students
- Shortcut math questions that stump more than 90% of test-takers
- Compose a perfect-score essay – no matter what question the SAT asks

OUR UNIQUE GUARANTEE

The Catalyst SAT Bootcamp is not a "mock" SAT or an infomercial for our services; it's real preparation designed by instructors who have earned multiple perfect scores on the actual SAT. In just one weekend, the Catalyst SAT Bootcamp ignites confidence and momentum by teaching students how to outsmart every type of question – and trap answer. Plus attendees walk away with Catalyst's SAT Bootcamp book, self study materials, diagnostic tests, and even copies of essays that have earned perfect scores on actual SATs. Our SAT Bootcamp is for students taking the SAT or PSAT *before the Spring of 2016*.

LOCATION

Communications High School

COST

Just \$175 to enroll by Wednesday, September 24th at 6pm. We unfortunately cannot accommodate walk-in students.

SCHEDULE

Day 1: Saturday, September 27th, 9am – 1pm
Day 2: Sunday, September 28th, 9am – 1pm

Students attend both days.

TO ENROLL

Visit www.CatalystPrep.com and click on "Bootcamp Sign-Up" on the website menu bar. For more information email info@CatalystPrep.com or call 800.235.0056.

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Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year. Whether you are an existing parent, or new to CHS, we look forward to working with you as we journey through your child's high school experience to post-secondary education together.

Seniors: College application time! Here are some ways to help keep your child on track:

- Make sure your child's Naviance account is up-to-date. He or she should have added his or her list of colleges and universities they are applying to, and requested teacher letters of recommendation. If your child is using the Common Application (most are), they should put in the necessary information to match his or her Common Application with Naviance.
- As your child completes an application, be sure they bring an application checklist to the guidance office. This is the document that indicates it's time for us to send supporting documentation (HS transcript, school profile, letters of recommendation from both counselor and teacher, and school reports for the Common Application). This is available on Naviance.
- Make sure your child sends his or her SAT and ACT scores directly to the college from the testing institution.
- Ask your child about dates and encourage him or her to keep a planner. CHS deadlines are different from college deadlines. It's a lot to keep track of, but very important information. CHS deadlines are: October 17th for Early Decision/Early Action, November 14th for applications with a December 1st deadline, and November 26th for all other applications. Review each college website for merit scholarship dates, dates that the CSS Profile/FAFSA is due, as well as the actual application due dates.
- Call the guidance office for an appointment with your child's counselor if you feel you could use any help navigating this process.

Juniors: It's time for you child to start thinking about taking the SAT and/or ACT. Check out the testing center websites (www.collegeboard.com and www.actstudent.org) to learn more. Be aware of registration deadlines and testing center locations. Parent tip...if you are wondering how you can help your child on testing day, drive them to the test! Arrive early and drop them off at the door. They will be testing at a school other than CHS, and parking may be difficult. Be sure they have everything ready (including a photo ID) the night before the test.

Sophomores: It seems like your child just entered high school and yet they have already begun the process of preparing for college. Talk to your child about clubs and activities they are a part of. Dialogue with them to determine what they are developing a passion for vs. what they are doing because they feel it's the right thing to do in preparation for their future. There is no right answer, but having this conversation can ease the transition into choosing a major. Look into the Congressional Award (www.congressionalaward.org). This is a free recognition program that affords your child the opportunity to document and organize all of the things they are doing already that will help prepare them for college as well as good citizenship. By understanding your child's developing interests, you can also begin to think about summer programs, work, or other opportunities that may be beneficial to your child's growth.

Freshmen: We will be meeting individually with your child in a quest to get to know them. Please encourage your child to get to know us and we encourage you to get to know your child's teachers and us. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns. We are on a four-year journey together and we look forward to working with you.

ALL PARENTS: Follow the Guidance Blog for up-to-date information on topics that range from contests and scholarships to informational articles. The guidance blog can be viewed from the CHS home page (Click on Guidance, then Guidance Messages) or directly from chsguidancedept.blogspot.com.

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9th grade: Alfano - Klemm

10th grade: Alter - Kuo

11th grade: Avena – Martin

12th grade: Albrecht – Long

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9th grade: Kushnir - Yaron

10th grade: LaRoche - Wilser

11th grade: Masciana – Wheeler

12th grade: Matlosz – Zimmerman

College Representatives scheduled at CHS during the lunch/activity period as of September 2nd, 2014:

College	Representative	Date
Georgian Court University	Paula Hallett	Mon September 15, 2014
Stevens Institute of Technology	Brian Switay	Mon September 15, 2014
American University	Alex	Wed September 17, 2014
The College of New Jersey	Kevin Fay	Wed September 17, 2014
Seton Hall University	Anthony Smolin	Thu September 18, 2014
Stony Brook University	Vince Ardery	Thu September 18, 2014
The George Washington University	Danielle Toggia	Fri September 19, 2014
New Jersey Institute of Technology		Wed September 24, 2014
Marist College	Chuck Eby	Fri September 26, 2014
College of Mount Saint Vincent	Nora McCarthy	Mon September 29, 2014
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Kristine Jenkins	Tue September 30, 2014
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
Lehigh University	Beth	Tue October 7, 2014
Caldwell University	Julie Washington	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
Moravian College	Brittney	Tue November 18, 2014
Savannah College of Art and Design	Makeda Ellis	Tue November 18, 2014