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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/>.

distributed to all members.

Co-Presidents' Corner

By Jessica Evans and Kathy Gilbert

The month of November is a time to be thankful, and at Communications High School, the PSFA has so much for which to be grateful.

We are grateful to Joanne Boyle and Cindi Hogan and the Hospitality Committee. Already this year, they have organized the delicious refreshments for Back to School Night and PSFA meetings. They also will provide bagels and drinks before mid-term exams for all of our students.

Thank you to our Membership Committee Chairs Stephanie Ladiana and Patricia Lober. Because of their extraordinary efforts, 86 percent of CHS families have joined the PSFA. In addition, directories and addenda have been produced and

We are thankful to the many families who used the One-Time Donation option to help support the goals of the CHS PSFA. It is because of these contributions and all of the PSFA fundraising efforts that we are able to provide the activities and events that enhance the education of CHS students.

We are very thankful for the tremendous community spirit at CHS. Because of our involved CHS parents, the PSFA is able to be an active and important part of Communications High School. Our many thanks to all of you! There will be a Dinner and Gift Auction Meeting before the November PSFA Meeting starting at 6:30. We hope to see everyone at the PSFA meeting on November 13th at 7:30. The meeting will include discussion and voting on the distribution of Faculty and Student Grants.

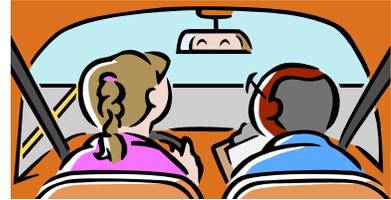
Magazine fundraiser is up and running

The Magazine Fundraiser is back! If you would like to order your favorite publications at a discounted price: Go to www.gaschoolstore.com -- Click on SHOP NOW -- Enter your online code **232926**. Happy shopping!

LEARNING TO DRIVE THE 'RITE' WAY

Just Rite Driving School (<http://bit.ly/justritedrivingsschool>) 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.)

UPDATE We have been asked to share information about a possible district-wide Driver's Ed class to be (perhaps) offered on Saturdays from Jan- Mar (10 weeks) 8:30-11:30am. It would probably start 2nd week of January and would be held at High Tech High. If your student would be interested in registering for such a class, please email chs.psfa@gmail.com- being sure to specify 'Saturday class'. If High Tech gets enough people, they will go ahead and schedule the session.

Pumpkin PIZZAZZ

The Class of 2017 Jack O'Lantern Team holding "UP!" their winning pumpkin! Pictured are: Mark "Carl" DiSpigna Rebecca Madeira, Jessica Jo, Dani Delgado, Matt Miller, Julie Alter, Kieran Rogers, Kat Holtz and Annie Ruoff.



Triple Threat

The Annual 3v3 Basketball Tournament, hosted by the Class of 2017, was held on October 15. Tournament Director John Hennessy would like to thank the 41 students who participated. Congratulations to the Black team of Julia Greeley, Matt Morton and Luke Brown who defeated the Berry team of Shane Nolan, Clay Paley and Ms. Judge in the championship game. A big thank you to our Head Bracketologist, Danny Shin and his team of Sam Bender and Emileigh Evans for keeping the tournament running smoothly!



Assembly was music to everyone's ears



It was the pleasure of the PSFA to bring The Persuasions, Brooklyn-based "Kings of A Cappella" with 26 released albums and a 50 year history of touring with well-known artists such as Frank Zappa, Ray Charles, Bill Cosby, Richard Pryor & the Grateful Dead, to CHS for a student assembly on October 30th.

NHS welcomes 41 new members

National Honor Society is proud to welcome the following students to our club. Each of them have maintained high academic standards, completed at least 150 service and leadership hours, and exemplified the 4 pillars of NHS - scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Sally Boniecki
Nicholas Brennan
Brian Brown
John Callaghan
Kacey Cielecki
Samantha Dellis
Joshua Ehling
Kathryn Garelli
Sallie Haas
Cayla Harris
Julia Harvey
Kaitlyn Hennessy
Nicholas Hession
Michael Hom
Kelly Hooper
Lilia Kang
Olivia Keavey
Jonathan Larisch
Amelia Lautenberg
Olivia Malesco
Lauryn Masciana

Emma McCaffrey
Anna McComb
Daniel Mopsick
Laura Murphy
Christopher Napoleon
Shane Nolan
Isabella Olaguera
Clayton Paley
Olivia Palmieri
Emily Rathburn
Anna Robinson
Sangamithra Sankaranarayanan
Bridget Savage
Rachel Srolovitz
Jessica Stansfield
Carolyn Stanton
Sarah Takash
Jennifer Villavicencio
Eileen Volk
Allison Wheeler

We will be honoring our new members at the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on November 18th at 6:30pm in the CHS cafeteria. All family and friends are welcome to celebrate this wonderful achievement!

By Alyssa Matlosz

PSFA MEMBERSHIP – NOVEMBER UPDATE

We have completed the CHS PSFA Membership Drive for the 2014-2015 school year. Thank you for supporting the PSFA. Addendums were printed and distributed to each member student during the last days of October/first days of November – **so please check your student's backpack.**

We would like to thank all families who joined the PSFA. We would also like to thank the teachers for supporting the PSFA by becoming members. Our gratitude also goes to Mrs. Clevenger, Ms. Hynes and Mrs. Kuwera for their help and support with the PSFA's membership drive.

We are proud to report that we are at an 86% membership rate (277 out of 323 families), but **it is never too late to become a member.** Here are the benefits to your student:

- Student Planners
- PSFA Directory
- Bagel Breakfast during midterm and final exams
- Freshman Orientation at Thompson Park
- Sophomore Event
- Junior Class trip transportation
- Senior Class fitness trip transportation
- Back to School Social
- Faculty Grants
- Color Wars
- End of year BBQ
- Graduation caps & gowns
- Senior Scholarships – eligibility for one of ten \$500 PSFA Graduation Awards presented each year to 10 seniors

Only PSFA members may apply for graduation awards in their senior year.

If you would like to join the PSFA at any time, or have a question about your membership, please feel free to contact us at patricialober@gmail.com or sjtl6221@gmail.com .

Please consider doing your part and thank you for your support!

Submitted by

*Patricia Lober
and Stephanie Ladiana
Membership Committee*



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<http://chsguidancedept.blogspot.com/>

Seniors: Our Early Action and Early Decision applications are being processed. 45% of the senior class has initial materials submitted to post-secondary institutions and we already have a few acceptances.

Now that your child's college list is solidified and manageable, it's time to start thinking about honors programs, merit aid, and scholarships.

Visit College web sites and see if merit aid is considered with the initial application (don't loose out if it's a separate application!) Call the office of admissions and ask when you may hear about merit awards. It is crucial to stay organized to be sure that key dates are not overlooked.

Although it's premature to think about need-based aid, know the FAFSA and CSS Profile due dates for each school on your child's list. Here is a link to the 2015-2016 FAFSA draft for parents who want to be familiar with the form prior to January 1st (<http://chsguidancedept.blogspot.com/p/2015-2016-fafsa.html>.) You will receive a separate mailing from the Guidance office with current information about filing the FAFSA. The CSS Profile is due prior to the FAFSA and dates vary; check the school's website for deadlines.

Visit the guidance blog and click on the Local Scholarships tab to see state and county scholarship opportunities that your child may qualify for.

Juniors: This is a time of testing and college exploration. You will be receiving a mailing from the guidance office with an individual conference date with your counselor. Please make every effort to attend.

We have started our college planning presentations in the Media Writing classes (Communications Technology class for Design Academy students) and our juniors are busy using Navaince to research colleges and universities.

Make sure your child has a College Board (www.collegeboard.com) and/or ACT (www.actstudent.org) account to make a testing plan and register for standardized tests. Visit the guidance blog for SAT and ACT dates (<http://chsguidancedept.blogspot.com/p/sat-and-act-dates-2014-2015.html>.)

There are many tools available to help you assist your child in the college search process. Visit the guidance blog and click on the College Resources tab to learn more.

Sophomores: Mark your calendar for the Spring NACAC College Fair on April 22nd and April 23rd at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus. 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!

Freshman: During marking period 2, we will complete the process of getting all freshmen a

Naviance account during their Communications Technology class. If your child has already taken Communications Technology during marking period 1, please ask them to show you their personality type report.

PSFA DINNER GIFT AUCTION

As I write this article, the students of CHS are in the midst of their spirit week. They have all embraced the idea of supporting their school by participating in various theme days and showing their school pride. I ask you to show school pride by supporting the biggest fundraiser of the PSFA, the upcoming Dinner Gift Auction at the Jumping Brook County Club on Saturday, March 21, 2015.

Our first meeting was well attended, and all the volunteers were very enthusiastic about the plans for the Gift Auction. If you couldn't make the first meeting, please feel free to come to the next one.



We are having a meeting before the PSFA meeting on Thursday, November 13th at 6:30 p.m. If you can't attend but still would like to help, please reach out to us via email.

There are many ways to show your support. You can solicit businesses for ads, gift certificates and/or products. Donate a gift basket or item and attend the dinner. We have enclosed all the forms necessary for soliciting gift and ads.

Please keep an eye out for the invitations that will be arriving right after the New Year.

If you need more information, please contact me, Judi Taglieri, at jtags1@hotmail.com or Kathy Gilbert at pkgilbert@att.net



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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.

Business Name _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Contact _____

- ___ Full Page Ad (4 ½ x 7 ½ inches)----- \$100
- ___ ½ Page Ad (4 ½ x 3 ½ inches) ----- \$50
- ___ ¼ Page Ad (business card – 3 ½ x 2 inches) ----- \$25
- ___ Booster (3 ½ x 1 inch) - Your own message ----- \$20



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MIDNIGHT MASQUERADE

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune

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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.

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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

Yearbook News.....



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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!

Please share your pic on google drive drop it in the Pink Box in room 220. or send in a baby pic to Mrs Rod. Put your name on the back so we can return it asap!



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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

