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The PSFA also has important PSFA announcements via our email system. **Please take a moment to register**

Co-Presidents' Corner

By Janice Quattrocchi (parent of Anthony, Class of 2017) and Jessica Evans (parent of Emileigh, Class of 2017)

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!

Our next three PSFA meetings will include the following: introducing candidates for 2016-2017 PSFA Officers (April 7th); voting for officers (May 5); and then turning the leadership of the PSFA over to them (June 2).

We are still in need of nominations for several crucial positions, including Vice-President, Treasurer & Secretary. Please consider adding your name to the ballot; email Karenoboyl1@gmail.com with your desired position, thank you!

The PSFA's largest fundraiser, the Game Night Dinner and Gift Auction is scheduled for April 9th. Many thanks to the volunteers who have already signed up to help! We are still IN NEED of more people to make the

workload a little lighter. Please consider donating your time the day or night of the event. Money raised by the DGA will fund future PSFA initiatives that benefit the entire student body. Please email chsdgr1740@gmail.com for more information.

Freshmen orientation for the class of 2020 takes place at CHS on April 14th. The PSFA needs one or two volunteers to help man the membership table beginning at approximately 4:45pm. This will be a simple task, basically just welcoming the incoming parents, accepting checks for membership (the four-year amount only- those wishing to pro-rate must do so online) and providing families with the information for where to complete their registration online. If you will be available to help for an hour, please email chs.psf@gmail.com, thank you!

Two events that traditionally mark the end of the school year for CHS students are the Prom and Color Wars. This year, the Prom is scheduled for May 20th and will be held at Trump National Golf Club in Colts Neck.

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, 2016. 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! Thank you!



Thanks to the overwhelming volunteer response!
The PSFA's Dinner & Gift Auction committee
has finished wrapping over 100 baskets *ahead* of schedule!
This means **the Wrapping Session scheduled for
Tuesday, April 5th is CANCELLED.**

Still want to help? We can still use your assistance! Here's how:

Transportation of baskets on Saturday, April 9th
from the Raymond home at 36 Lenape Trail, Middletown
to Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune.
Meet at the Raymond home by 8:30 am.

If you're attending the Dinner & Gift Raffle,
we need helpers as **Runners**
(bring baskets from the preview room to main dining room for raffle drawing)
and as **50/50 raffle sellers.**

Email Co-Chairs Lang Holtz and Caren MacConnell
at chsdgr1740@gmail.com to volunteer or with any questions.

THANKS for contributing towards making this major fundraiser the *best* ever!

See you there,
The Dinner & Gift Raffle Committee

CHS Cultural Communications Club Activities

The Cultural Communications Club raised over \$500 for St. Jude Children's Hospital at their Zumbathon at Gold's Gym in Howell on March 13. Also, the club held a successful senior citizen breakfast at the Howell Senior Center on March 31.



Breakfast sales will continue to be held every Friday morning and exit sales will continue to be held every Monday afternoon. Cookie, chips, and salsa donations are greatly appreciated and should be dropped off in Señora Campbell's room.



The club's biggest event of the year, the Cultural Festival, will take place on April 8. Students create their own country displays complete with costumes, artifacts, fun facts, and food samples. The three best country displays win monetary prizes. There are also performances and a feast. The club would really appreciate if any parents could come and help out with warming up trays for the feast. If interested, please contact Samantha Dellis at sdellis@ctemc.org.



The club is also currently organizing a spring carnival for the children in the Head Start program in Lakewood.

As always, the proceeds from all the Cultural Communications Club's events go to St. Jude Children's Hospital so all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.





NHS Herb Workshop

The NHS Beautification Committee held its first annual Herb Workshop sessions on February 18 and 19 with over twenty students attending. Senior Darcy Darbin came up with the idea, led the sessions, organized donations, and dealt with the advertising.

“Once I was given position for the chair of beautification, I really wanted something for the committee to do even though it's winter,” Darbin said. “The only option seemed to be indoor planting, and I also knew how much

CHS kids loved food, so incorporating herb education, planting, and cooking into one workshop seemed like a good idea.”

Darbin said this workshop is related to her future aspirations. After she graduates at the end of this school year, Darbin will attend UMass Amherst as a Sustainable Food and Farming major.

In the first herb session, students learned about some popular herbs, enjoying caprese salad and mint tea. The second session was “hands on,” as students planted some of the herbs they had learned about in portable pots.

Darbin worked with Ms. Lane, NHS Advisor, and the Beautification Committee to work out all the kinks in planning the event.

“For getting it approved, we only had to make sure we didn't propose any medicinal uses of the herbs during the education workshop in case our advice conflicted with allergies, medications, et cetera,” Darbin said. “The main issue with organizing was narrowing down what we wanted to do and say for both workshops, but it all fell into place in the end. Otherwise, planning went smoothly.”

At the end of the last herb workshop, Ms. Lane encouraged attendees to help garden in the springtime.



SkillsUSA Competition News

State Champions-Gold Medal Winners

Radio/Audio

Kate Dickenson

Liam Marshall

Kate and Liam will move on to the National Championships in Kentucky in June!



Central Region Champion

Patricia Lowney for Job Demo A

Patricia will go on to compete in States on 4/16/16

Congratulations to our team who placed 2nd or 3rd - they will find out April

Broadcast News

Cayla Harris

Julia Rongo

Kelly Hooper

Connor Duffy

SkillsUSA News

On Monday, March 7, 2016 Sophia Boniecki, Emma Wilenta and Connor Martin conducted an Art and Design workshop for local elementary and middle school students between the ages of 8-12 years. The students learned about and practiced creative writing skills and design art projects. They played games with our SkillsUSA members and learned some valuable and enjoyable techniques.

Kayt Diver, English teacher at CHS, stated, "I just wanted to reach out to let you know that my nephew, Robert, had an amazing time at the SkillsUSA *Writing and Design Workshop*. The combination of written and creative activities really kept him engaged and excited."



SkillsUSA

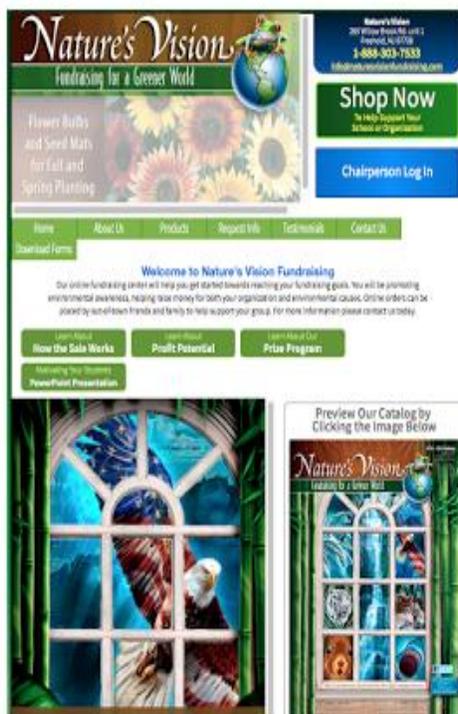
Fundraising Efforts

SkillsUSA is currently selling products from the Nature's Vision Fundraising Catalog to help fund their the national competition. Please go to their website using our code number to see some great products. Thank you.

Fundraiser starts today.

<http://www.naturesvisionfundraising.com>

OUR CODE: 51495





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

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Sophomores and Juniors:

The 2016-2017 course catalog is available and PowerSchool is open for online course requests until April 4th, 2016. Instructions and information is available on the Guidance Blog under the 2016-2017 Scheduling tab. To be sure we have a clear understanding of your child's request this three-step process must be completed:

1. Request courses and alternate electives on PowerSchool.
2. Communicate any individual requests to your counselor through the Google Doc.
3. Return a course request worksheet with a parent's signature.

Mark your calendars for our local spring college fairs:

New Jersey National College Fair: April 20-21, 2016 Meadowlands Expo Center,
<http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/SpringNCF/Pages/New-Jersey.aspx>

Monmouth County Spring College Fair
April 21, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Brookdale Community College
Collins Arena

Ranney School College Fair
April 25, 2016
7:30 - 9:00 pm

Seniors: As May 1st approaches, we ask that you please indicate on Naviance your attending college:

Under Colleges I'm Applying To, use the drop down box to indicate where you will be attending.

College that I am attending

(no college selected)

Also check that any merit aid you reported to us is logged properly under the Scholarship Applications link (Colleges tab).

[> scholarship applications](#)



SAVE THE DATE

NAHS

ART

FRIDAY

MAY 13

6:30-9

AT CHS

ART • DESIGN

POETRY

NATIONAL ART

HONOR SOCIETY

INDUCTION

SHOWCASE

The Class of 2019 has two upcoming fundraisers. We would greatly appreciate your support to make these fundraisers successful. Please see the details for the Vic's fundraiser on April 6th and for purchasing your hanging baskets through us this year. Orders are due no later than April 21st and pickup for flowers is after school on May 5th from 2:30-5:30 pm.



Please join us for a Class of 2019 Fundraiser!
 Vic's Restaurant
 Wednesday April 6th
 4:00-9:00 pm.
 Mention "CHS Fundraiser" to your server,
 and a portion of your bill will be donated
 to the Class of 2019!

**CLASS OF 2019 FUNDRAISER
 MOTHER'S DAY/SPRING PLANT SALE**

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

8" HANGING BASKETS (Fuschia)
 \$10.00 per basket _____ # of FUSCHIA Total for Fuschia - \$ _____

10" HANGING BASKETS
 \$12.00 per basket

CUTTING GERANIUMS

NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS

RED ____ # WHITE ____ # PINK ____ # RED ____ # WHITE ____ # PINK ____

Total for 10" hanging baskets - \$ _____

TOTAL PAID = \$ _____ cash check (circle one)

Please submit order with payment (checks made payable to CHS Activities Fund) no later than Thursday April 21st to Jeanine Gomez, Class of 2019 advisor. Hanging baskets must be picked up after school on Thursday May 5th from 2:30-5:30. Please contact Mrs. Gomez (jgomez@ctemc.org) to make arrangements if you will be attending the May 5th PSFA meeting and need to pick your flowers up after the meeting.

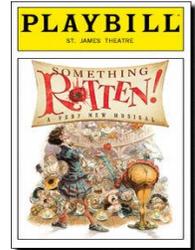
Junior Class News

We are pleased to announce the details of the Wednesday, September 21, 2016 Class of 2017 trip to New York City. The day will be packed with many events, so good walking shoes are required! We will leave CHS at 7:45am, boarding charter buses thankfully provided by our CHS PSFA. Our first stop will be Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum on 42nd St.



From there we will walk to The Hard Rock Café in Times Square. Students will be able to choose their lunch from a limited menu. Special dietary needs will be addressed.

Our final stop of the day will be at the St. James Theatre where we will see the matinee performance of "Something Rotten".



Payment for the trip is due **before May 2, 2016**. Please make checks payable to "CHS Student Activity Fund". We want everyone to attend so if there are any concerns please contact Mrs. Clevenger.



On 3.14.16,
The Class of 2017 sponsored the
2nd Annual Pi Day Celebration.
Pictured are champions
Jonathan Slovak and Ebbie Shim
who won \$60 for the Class of 2018.

Volleyball Tournament

February 29th saw 66 CHS students and teachers leap into action at the 3rd Annual CHS 6v6 Volleyball Tournament.

Crowned Grand Champions were the Wolfino Raptors team of Nora Thomson, Brandon Kalika, Emily Brzozowski, Jon Slovak, Kyra Lally, and Niki Dallicardillo. Second place went to The Ronaways, team of Ron Cole, Michael Topper, Kelly Forrester, Gia Caruso, Alyssa Rasp and Parthesh Patel.

Returning champions, the Safe Sets and last year's runner-ups the Grade Diggers tied for third.

Tournament Directors Anthony Quattrocchi and Kevin Dixon and The Class of 2017 want to thank everyone who participated. It was a great afternoon and will be back next year!

Pictured are Niki, Brandon, Jon, Kyra, Emily and Nora: Team Wolfing Raptors!



PSTFA Dinner Gift Raffle is April 9th!

*The DGR is almost here and we couldn't be more excited!
We have a wonderful night planned with fantastic baskets for
you to win!*

*We are still looking for volunteers to help transport the baskets
to the event, set up, decorate, and sell 50/50 tickets. If
interested please email us at chsdgr1740@gmail.com
Looking forward to seeing everyone on April 9th!*

55 Inch HD TV

iPad Mini

Nikon Digital Camera

A Kayak

Walt Disney World Tickets

Broadway Tickets

**Win a bottle of Wine
at the Wine Wall!**

**Electra Beach
Cruiser**

Weber Grill

Adirondack Chairs

**Local Restaurant
Gift Cards**

Coach Bag

**Golf Outing at
Jumping Brook**

Jewelry