

CHS Communiqué

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The PSFA also has important PSFA announcements via our email system.

Please take a moment to register online at <http://bit.ly/PSFAemailsignup2015>.

Co-Presidents' Corner

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

Fall is upon us and we hope that everyone is feeling back in the swing of things for the school year by now! October and November are very busy months at Communications High School. Just take a look at the school calendar to keep up with the upcoming events.

It was wonderful to see so many people at our first PSFA meeting and at Back to School Night. Many thanks to our Hospitality Chairs, Joann Boyle and Cyndi Hogan, who organized the refreshments for the evening. They are grateful to all the volunteers who helped to supply the delicious treats for Back to School Night.

Our online registration deadline for inclusion in the printed PSFA directory for members was September 25th. Directories will be sent home via students soon, with our intended date being October 9th. Please be on the lookout for an email when we are ready to announce the official date.

Finally, we hope to see all families on the beach in Belmar this Friday, October 2nd, at 6:30 pm, for our 4th annual Bonfire. Many thanks to all the volunteers, donators & committee chairs, Bob & Jocelyn Graney!

Save The Date



The PSFA's primary fundraiser, the **12th Annual Dinner & Gift Raffle: Game Night**, will be held on **Saturday, April 9, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** at the **Jumping Brook Golf Club, Neptune**.

- **Thirty minute Dinner & Gift Raffle Committee Kick Off Meeting** will immediately follow the **PSFA Meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2015**. Anyone interested in helping are invited to attend.
- *Thanks to Laura Andersen, Freshman Parent, for her great idea of Gift Card Donation Sign during Back to School Night.* Also thanks to the parents for picking up a card from the poster board sign and agreeing to donate a gift card. Any question, feedback or suggestion, please email us at chsdgr1740@gmail.com

CHS STUDENTS DISPLAY SKILLS AT STATE COMPETITION

By SARAH LYNCH

SkillsUSA ended the 2014-2015 school year with success at both the state and national level. At the state competition in Somerset, NJ, 11 teams/individuals medalled. Emily Woods, who graduated this past June, brought home the bronze medal in Graphic Communications at Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky.

Students from all over the country compete through SkillsUSA, in competitions ranging from entrepreneurship to cake decorating. This national organization's purpose is to prepare students to join the America's skilled workforce. In this way, SkillsUSA values are similar to those of CHS: both provide opportunities for students to practice their skill, and prepare for their careers. But most importantly, in both, students can find inspiration because they are surrounded by students who are passionate about their skill, too.

At CHS, the SkillsUSA club sends students to compete in a variety of different competitions related to communications. Students of all grades are encouraged to join the club and discover what it has to offer. Not only can students compete, but they can also participate in the club's events and fundraisers.

We hope to see a lot of new faces in Skills the year, and we cannot wait to see what each new member has to offer. Also, SkillsUSA is selling Entertainment Books for \$30 each. Please contact a SkillsUSA member or the advisor Deborah Maher at dmaher@ctemc.org



The Skills Council

SHOW YOUR CREATIVE SIDE IN THE CHS LITERARY MAGAZINE



Literary Magazine started strong this year! We have 3 editors and a strong staff for critique, organization, and layout. Now we're looking for submissions! We accept poetry, short stories, photography, and art created by CHS students, so please encourage your student to submit their work. Submissions can be class assignments or created outside of class.

Submissions are due October 9th and should be sent to CHSLitMag@ctemc.org. Look for our Fall issue on sale the first week in December!



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2015/16 Driver Education Written Test Preparation Course

GOOD NEWS! A Driver Education Theory Class will again be made available at Communications High School. This program, being coordinated by the PSFA, is available to any student ages 15 and older. The purpose of the course is to prepare for the DMV written test. Bob Estler, of Just Rite Driving School will instruct students on basic principles of driving and the rules of the road.

The class will meet at CHS beginning Wednesday, January 6th and will run for ten consecutive Wednesdays through March 9th 2015 (weather permitting) from 2:30 until 5:30 pm. The cost is \$150 (cash or money order). Students will be responsible for their own transportation home. **In addition, a parent chaperone is needed at each class. Please be prepared to chaperone one class during your student's session. The schedule for chaperoning will be pre-arranged.** Any student who becomes a discipline problem will be given only one warning. If the problem continues they will be removed from the class without a refund

This is a theory class only- but enrolled students will also take the written DMV test on the last day of this course, a new benefit being offered to CHS students through Just Rite Driving School. Each student will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the class for possible insurance discount purposes. Please note that insurance discounts vary by individual insurance carriers. Please call your specific insurance company to determine your specific eligibility. Also, note that 'behind the wheel' training is a separate course. Just Rite Driving School offers six-hour driving instruction at a discount for CHS students also enrolled in driver education theory. For 'behind the wheel' registration, please contact Luanne, of Just Rite Driving School, directly at 732.534.4688.

Please email chs.psf@gmail.com if you have any questions or need additional information (You may also contact Just Rite Driving School directly at 732.534.4688). To enroll, please email the following registration info to chs.psf@gmail.com. The \$150 fee for this course will be collected at the first session.

2015/16 CHS Driver's Written Test Prep Course

Student Name & Age:

Parent Name:

Street Address:

Email Address:

Parent Phone Number:

Chaperone Phone Number (if different):

Preferences of Chaperone Dates (either preferred or unavailable)

Other information:



October 2015

Welcome to the 2015-2016 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!

Parents, 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 college and universities, 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. Instructions are on the Guidance blog under Common Questions About the Common Application.
- 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 (counselor and teacher), and school reports for the Common Application.) This is available on Naviance and under the Forms tab on the Guidance blog.
- 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 than college deadlines. It's a lot to keep track of, but very important information. CHS deadlines are on the Application Checklist. 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 you 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 his or her 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.

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.

Freshman, Sophomores & Juniors: We will be administering the PSAT on October 14th.

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.

Please encourage your child to visit our college representatives who come to CHS and set up a table during lunch. A list of scheduled representatives is available on Naviance (Click on the College tab and view all upcoming college visits.) This brief encounter can work to his or her advantage:

<http://www.golocalpdx.com/lifestyle/college-admissions-yield-rate-and-demonstrated-interest>

<https://professionals.collegeboard.com/guidance/college/rep>

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Please help to support the Communications High School
Student Government Association
by purchasing

Thanksgiving Pies

by Delicious Orchards

Flavors for Sale:

Apple

Pumpkin

Mince

Cherry

Pecan

9 Inch Pies (6-8 slices per pie)

No Preservatives

Price - \$16.00 per pie

Cash or Check (made payable to "CHS Activity Fund)

Pick Up - Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at CHS

All pies not picked up will be donated to a local soup kitchen.

Orders due Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Please give orders to Mrs. Wheeler or place in SGA Mailbox.

Any questions? Contact Mrs. Wheeler - ewheeler@ctemc.org

SGA Delicious Orchards Pies Fundraising Order Form

Student Name:

Grade:

Home Phone:

Parent E-Mail:

Total Number of Each Type of Pie:

_____ Apple _____ Pumpkin _____ Mince _____ Cherry _____ Pecan

Total Cost = \$16.00 x Total Number of Pies = _____

Communications High School Apparel Form

Make checks payable to
SANDY MASTELLER

<p>MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK (NO CASH) TO: SANDY MASTELLER, 105 MOSES MILCH DRIVE, HOWELL NJ 07731.</p> <p>Your order will be brought to school unless requested otherwise.</p>								
Description	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL		Total	
Tee Shirt, Short Sleeves, Dark Charcoal Gray						\$ 15.00		
Tee Shirt, Short Sleeves, Navy Blue						\$ 15.00		
Tee Shirt, Long Sleeves, Dark Charcoal Gray						\$ 20.00		
Tee Shirt, Long Sleeves, Navy Blue						\$ 20.00		
Crew Neck Sweatshirt, Dark Charcoal Gray						\$ 25.00		
Crew Neck Sweatshirt, Navy Blue						\$ 25.00		
Hooded Sweatshirt, Dark Charcoal Gray						\$ 35.00		
Hooded Sweatshirt, Navy Blue						\$ 35.00		
Sweatpants, Elastic Bottoms, Dark Charcoal Gray						\$ 25.00		
Sweatpants, Elastic Bottoms, Navy Blue						\$ 25.00		
Plaid Flannel Pants, Navy Blue and White						\$ 25.00		
Full Size Blanket, Sweatshirt Fabric, Navy Blue						\$20.00		
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE							\$	

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