

CHS Communiqué

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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)*

Wow, can you believe that November is upon us already? This time of year seems to buzz right by as we begin to prepare for the holiday season.

Midterms are just around the corner and as always, the PSFA hospitality committee will provide bagels for breakfast each morning during midterms.

We are extremely excited about our first PSFA fundraiser of the year. Please come and join us for our **Wine and Design Fundraiser** on November 13th, at the Corner Art Studio in Freehold. (See the enclosed flyer for more information). As always, we would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers for their time and commitment to our students.

We are happy to say that the final print of our member directory (blue cover) went home with students last week. Thank you for your patience while we worked through this transition period.

Just a reminder that our online magazine fundraiser is up and running all year for your convenience. You can access the link through our website, www.chs.psfa.org.

Please join us at our next PSFA meeting on November 12th at 7:30. There will be a brief Gift Auction meeting following. We look forward to seeing some new faces! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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.**

See more information and relevant forms within Communiqué.



CHS Digital Video Club competes in All American High School Film Festival



A team of student filmmakers from the Digital Video Club participated in the All American High School Film Festival's Film Invitational in early October. The competition took place in New York City. In this high-pressured competition, students worked on a script and pre-production from August until October. Once the team arrived in NYC on October 6th, they had 3 days to shoot and edit the film. They were given two actors and two locations (Washington Square Park & Grand Central Station). In addition, they casted three additional actors and scouted and used three more locations throughout New York. Throughout the week, everyone worked as a team, doing their specific jobs to create a film of which everyone was proud. Our hard work paid off when the film, *A Ripple Effect*, placed **2nd overall in the competition!** This was a tremendous learning experience that allowed students to be a part of a real film set. The team is thankful because this would not have been possible without the generous assistance of the PSFA and CHS/MCVSD Administration!

Director: Isabella Olaguera

Producer: Sarah Takash

Screenplay by: Elizabeth Srulevich, Isabella Olaguera, Sarah Takash

Director of Photography: Cassandra Passantino

Editor: Kaitlyn Holtz

Unit Production: Olivia Malesco

Assistant Director: Kathryn Garelli

Production Design: Tommy Fletcher

Assistant Camera: Kierin Rogers

Grip/Gaffer: Nick Haaf

Sound: Jane Maloney

CHS Skills USA Activities



Skills USA Leadership Conference

The following students from CHS attended the Fall Skills Leadership Conference on October 23, 2015:

Erin Wren	Liam Marshall
Sarah McNey	Connor Martin
Clare Toman	Phoebe Drummand

The keynote speaker for the October 23rd Fall Leadership Conference was Scott Chesney. Scott has spoken to over one million children and teens in 38 countries, motivating and inspiring them to live their lives to the fullest. He has combined his personal experiences of being paralyzed since the age of 15 with amazing adventures of courage and fortitude during his two world tours. His S.E.E.K. (Self-Esteem Enhancement for Kids) program is a series of empowerment presentations that are customized to meet each and every school's personal needs.

The students were inspired by Mr. Chesney's speech. As leaders from CHS, they felt empowered to take his message and to strive to achieve. The students met with other Skills Leaders from the state and elected regional officers to represent our chapter statewide.

CHS Skills USA Activities

Quiz Bowl

The Skills USA quiz bowl team of Bridget Savage, Lilia Kang, Justin Boldt, Justin Ortiz and Kevin Meberg placed 3rd Saturday at the Steven's Institute of Technology Academic bowl in Hoboken, NJ on Saturday, October 17, 2015.

It was the first time any of these students competed in a high school quiz bowl. They did great scoring over 1500 points!



National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) Members

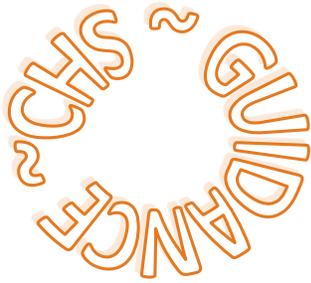
Sally Boniecki
Caitlin Brehm
Catherine La Roche
Julia Pardee
Abigail Silva

Sophia Boniecki
Lilia Kang
Sarah Lynch
Bridget Savage
Elizabeth Thornton

The purpose of the NTHS is to bring well deserved recognition, scholarship opportunities, and career opportunities to students who excel in one of the career and technical educational fields as their profession. Not only do NTHS students embody all the attributes and talent which is in demand today, these students also embrace a clear vision for tomorrow's workforce and their role in it.

The National Technical Honor Society, will have an induction ceremony at Communications High School on Tuesday, November 17, at 6:30 PM. This will be held along with the NHS induction ceremony.

Skills USA are currently selling Entertainment Books to help raise money for their state competition expenses. Anyone interested in purchasing a book, please contact Deborah Maher at dmaher@ctemc.org.



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

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Seniors: Our early decision and early action applicants (74% of the senior class) have successfully applied to their potential post-secondary schools. Please provide us with a copy of the decision letters as you get them. We also keep track of merit awards that may arrive in a separate mailing.

The FAFSA will be available January 1st, and keep an eye on schools that require the CSS Profile: <http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>.

The <http://www.monmouthcountyscholarships.com> site is resource for you, maintained mostly by the career academy counselors, to keep you informed of local scholarship opportunities.

Sophomores and juniors: This is a time of testing and college exploration. The New Jersey National College Fair is scheduled for November 10, 2015 in Atlantic City. Go to <https://www.gotomyncf.com> to register.

Juniors: We will be setting up individual parent meetings starting in November, and we look forward to working with you and your child as we begin his or her post-secondary journey together.

We finished our college planning portfolios with our semester one Media Writing students. Thank you to the parents who did their homework by completing FERPA waivers and brag sheets!

Freshman: Semester one health and fitness freshman participated in three classroom lessons centered on mindfulness. It is our hope that this introduction will help our high achieving students feel less stress and demonstrate more self-compassion.

We focused on career planning when we met with the first marking period Computer Technologies class. Each student was assigned a Naviance account and completed StrengthsExplorer, a tool to identify potential career opportunities. Please ask them to show you what they learned.

Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors: PARCC testing will begin on Monday, November 16th and conclude on Friday, November 20th. Testing is subject-based, and if your child is in Geometry, Algebra I or II, English I, II or III; they will be scheduled to test during this time period. A letter from Mr. Gleason will be mailed home regarding PARCC testing.

PSFA cordially invites you to an evening of

Wine & Design



Friday, November 13, 2015 ~ 7:30 - 9:30 pm

\$ 40.00 per person

(includes all the materials needed to paint your own picture)

Around the Corner Art Studio

290 Mounts Corner Drive, Freehold

During the night, adults will paint their very own masterpiece while enjoying their favorite beverages and snacks. Please feel free to bring your wine of choice (or any other beverage, bottled water will be available) along with any appetizer/dessert you would like to share. This is a great opportunity to spend a fun evening out with your friends, or a great opportunity to make new ones, especially for our freshman parents! Friends of CHS PSFA parents are welcome to join in on the fun!

Seating is limited, so register now!

For those of you who have a special appetizer or dessert that you will be sharing that evening, bring us your recipe and we will compile all of the yummy treats and send them out in an electronic Recipe Book!

*** All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to support our beloved CHS. ***

Please have your student return the bottom portion of this form to the office in an envelope marked "Wine & Design" with a check made payable to CHS PSFA no later than Nov. 10th. Please feel free to email Laura Andersen @ laluvba@verizon.net with any questions.



Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

I will be bringing: Wine Appetizer Dessert
(Please check those that apply)

Thank you for supporting this PSFA Fundraiser!



PSFA DINNER GIFT RAFFLE (DGR)

As this article is being written, 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. **We ask you to show school pride by supporting the biggest fundraiser of the PSFA, the upcoming DGR at the Jumping Brook County Club on Saturday, April 9, 2016.**

We had our kick off meeting right after the October PSFA meeting. 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. **It will be held right after the November 12th PSFA meeting.** If you can't attend but still would like to help, please reach out to us via email at chsdgr1740@gmail.com

There are many ways to show your support: **1) you can solicit businesses for ads, gift certificates and/or products; 2) donate a gift basket or item for a gift basket; 3) attend the dinner.** The forms necessary for soliciting gift and ads follow this invitation to participate.

Take advantage of the forthcoming Black Friday and Cyber Monday for great deals on items that you may consider donating. Be on the lookout for "big ticket" items that are priced at a bargain. Bottom line is we appreciate any item you can donate!

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

***Help us help our children! Please Support our fundraising efforts!
Happy Thanksgiving!***



CHS Contact _____ Phone Number _____



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PSFA 12th Annual Dinner and Gift Raffle: Game Night
Saturday, April 9, 2016
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 and Gift Raffle Ads*”, at the above address. We would appreciate receipt of ads by **Friday, March 5, 2016**. Please make checks payable to: “*CHS PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle*”.

For any questions, please contact Lang Holtz at 732-533-3067 or chsdgr1740@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Communications High School PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle Committee



ADVERTISEMENT INFORMATION: Select ad size. Attach copy and graphics and send with check (payable to *CHS PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle*) to “*PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle*” at the above address.

Business Name: _____
Address _____

Phone Number _____ Contact Name: _____

- ___ 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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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.

Our organization is tax-exempt under section 501(c) of the IRS code. Our tax-exempt number is 22-3759364.

Donations may be mailed to "*CHS PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle*", at the above address. Please make checks payable to: "*CHS PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle*". We would appreciate donations arriving by **Thursday, March 31, 2016**. We will be happy to pick up your donation if you prefer.

If you have any questions, please call Lang Holtz at 732-533-3067 or email to chs McGr1740@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Communications High School PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle Committee

CHS Annual 3v3 Tournament Results



The Annual 3v3 Basketball Tournament, hosted by the Class of 2017, was held on October 21.

Tournament Directors Elizabeth DeFuria and Dani Delgado would like to thank the 14 teams who participated and congratulate the Safety Green team of Mrs. Gomez, Louis Avena and Shane Nolan who defeated the Blue team of Annie Ruoff, Justin Boldt and Kevin Meberg in the championship game.

A big Thank you to all of the fans who came out to cheer on our CHS basketball stars!



Parent Student Faculty Association

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:

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 = _____

THE BEAST IS BACK



The Beast, an unofficial mascot for CHS, will be featured on apparel FOR SALE by the PSFA via an online store beginning Monday, November 16th. These items will make the perfect gift for any CHS student or graduate who wishes to proudly unleash their inner CHS beast for world to see!

Please be on the lookout for our upcoming flyer via email and distributed through school. Many thanks to Bridget Gibson, CHS Class of 2009, for creating the beast logo!

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							\$	

NAME

TELEPHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
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mosesmilch@aol.com