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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 week in May is **Teacher Appreciation Week**. It is a perfect time to remember how fortunate CHS is to have such a talented and dedicated faculty. We should all remember to appreciate our teachers this week!

Elections for new executive PSFA officers will be held at the May 5th PSFA meeting. See page 6 for the slate of nominations. The transition to the 2016 - 2017 Executive Board will be conducted at the PSFA meeting on June 2nd.

A warm welcome was extended to the **Class of 2020** at Freshman Orientation on April 14th. We look forward to their joining the CHS community, and hope that their families become actively involved in the future of the PSFA. Many thanks to our hospitality volunteers who provided refreshments for the event and to Sharon and Dana who helped us recruit new members. So far nearly 50% of the incoming class has

joined the PSFA- an impressive number considering their students have not yet begun at CHS! We'd like to remind anyone who paid with a check to remember to finish the registration process online.

The **2016 CHS Color Wars** will be held on **Friday, June 3rd**. To help make the day a great event, the PSFA will provide a **Barbecue** lunch (see page 6). David Wren has begun planning the event and we hope that many parents will volunteer to help.

In the small community of 300 families that comprise CHS, the participation of each and every family is vital to the success of the PSFA; your contributions really do make a difference. We need every parent to join us to make the PSFA an active and vital part of the school. We hope you will volunteer to help in any way that you are able.

Teacher Appreciation Week 2016

Monday, May 2 through Friday, May 6

Communications High School teachers should be applauded
365 days of the year.

Teacher Appreciation Week is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the many contributions CHS teachers make toward building a better future for our children and our school.

On behalf of the CHS Parent Student Faculty Association, thank you, teachers, for all you do!



Game Night PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle

Our Game Night Dinner Gift Raffle was held on April 9th and it was a HUGE success! CHS families spent the night talking with other CHS families, eating delicious food, and winning FANTASTIC baskets, all the while helping the PSFA raise money for our students. The night would not have been possible without the generous donations from local businesses. Please keep them in mind as they have helped us help our children (see list below this letter).

We would like to thank all those who donated items, solicited ads and gifts, donated their time to help a committee, as well as the many people who came to Jumping Brook for the dinner. Special thanks go to the following for their hard work that helped make the night so successful:

Hope Raymond, Jody Sackett, Laura Anderson, Michele Hammond, Marisa Delgado, Antonietta Gibson, Carol Pardee, Joanne Boyle, Dania Bruneau, and Eric Seldner.

Thank you to the parents who helped to wrap all of the beautiful baskets, helped transport gifts and set them up at the Jumping Brook Country Club, those that helped sell tickets, our runners for the night, and those that helped us clean up at the end - thank you from the bottom of our hearts for many hands made our work much easier!

It truly was a very special night! If you would like to be part of the planning for the PSFA Dinner Gift Raffle next year, or maybe you already have something you would like to donate, please let us know at chsdgr1740@gmail.com. Thank you all again, for your help and support!

With much gratitude,

Lang Holtz and Caren MacConnell
Co-Chairs, Dinner and Gift Raffle



Local Businesses That Supported CHS Dinner and Gift Raffle

Aberdeen

Sanzio Salon
InStyle Salon
Thyme Nail Bar
Deninos Pizza Place
Town Square Diner
The Burger Shop
DeMarco's Catering & Gourmet Deli
UFrame It
Bagel Hut

Allenwood

Brian Gibson Paving

Asbury Park

American Cup Coffee Company Words!
Hot Sands
Silverball Museum Arcade
Uncorked
Pops Garage/Langoste Lounge

Atlantic Highlands

Seastreak
Sea Grant

Avon

Bungalow Road

Belmar

Federici's on 10th
Jersey Shore BBQ & Catering
Brandl Restaurant
Federicos Pizza

Belmar

The Styling Company Salon
Don's Pizza
Stay Gold Cafe & Lounge
Taylor Hardware
Zoe Accessories Jewelry store

Bradley Beach

Vic's Bar and Restaurant
Nonno's Ristorante

Colts Neck

Colts Neck Inn Chop House

Eatontown

Criterion Chocolates Earth Treasures
Monster Mini Golf Funtime America
AW Imported Auto Parts Inc

Freehold

iPlay America

Hazlet

TGIF Restaurant
Red Oak Diner and Restaurant Salerno's
Bertucci's Restaurant

Highlands

NJ Sea Grant Consortium

Holmdel

Amanda's Hallmark Store
Turning Point

Howell

Waterford Outlet
Ivy League Restaurant

**Jackson**

Just Rite Driving School

Keyport

IHOP of Keyport

Little Silver

Healthy Glow Airbrush Tanning

Manalapan

Wisper Salon

Manasquan

Manasquan Music and Dance
The Atlantic Club
Algonquin Arts Theatre
Neighbour and Groves Construction

Neptune

Hole in One Bagel-Deli Jumping Brook
Country Club Little Dog Brewing Company

Oakhurst

Shore Fit Club & Spa for Women
Shore Wellness Physical Therapy
Otto's Bar and Grill

Old Bridge

Nicholas Jewelers

Ocean

Skyzone
Five Guys Burgers and Fries

Ocean Grove

Beekman Law Firm

Point Pleasant

Jenkinson's Aquarium
Carr's Driving School

Red Bank

Yestercades
Patrizia's Restaurant
Count Basie
A Time to Kiln
Wellesley Financial Planner

Rumson

Home & Land Development Co.
Pulleeze
Traveling Beach Science

Sea Girt

Fins
Miles Ahead Sports
State Tire

Shrewsbury

Chef Covas Catering
Two River Dairy
Adore Salon
Salon Indigo
Megacycle

Spring Lake

The Mill at Spring Lake
Spring Lake Theatre

Tinton Falls

Twin Brooks Golf
Align Amar Yoga

**Wall**

Dolcini Sweets
Perkins Restaurant
Pasch Salon
Good Sports
Dominick's Pizzeria
Princess Maria Diner
Mizuki Hibachi and Asian Bistro
Shogun Legends
Mathnasium
World Karate
Dube Realty

Not Location Specific:

Dan Pillone, Math Tutor
Floors Floors Floors
Get Social Promotions
Traveling Beach Science

Corporate Sponsors

Applebees
Autozone
Bergen PAC
Clementon Park & Splash World
Disney Corporation
George Street Playhouse
Historic Ships in Baltimore
Just Ducky Tours
Lakewood Blueclaws
Liberty Science Center
Medieval Times Corporation
Morey's Pier
New York Red Bulls
NJ Devils
NY Giants
NY Jets
NY Rangers
Panera Corporate
Paper Mill Theater
Philadelphia 76ers
Philadelphia Flyers
Quick Check
Something Rotten the Musical
State Theater of NJ
The Shubert Organization Inc.
WAWA Corporation
Wegmans

PSFA Board Nominees for 2016-2017

Jody Sackett – Co-President (new nominee)

Janice Quattrocchi – Co-President (current)

Sharon Jemas – Vice President (new nominee)

Therese Heidelberger – Treasurer (new nominee)

Anthony Quattrocchi – Corresponding Secretary (current)

Karen O'Boyle – Recording Secretary (new nominee)

COLOR WARS

Attention Volunteers

The annual CHS Color Wars competition will be held on Friday, June 3rd. All students and faculty are divided into 10 teams to compete in softball, basketball, chalk drawing, and other activities. The CHS PSFA will provide a barbecue lunch during the day of the events. We depend on volunteers to make this event a success. "Look for the email" in the coming weeks to sign up to volunteer your time and/or provide refreshments. Thank You in advance for your consideration and support.



SAVE THE DATE

NAHS

ART

FRIDAY

MAY 13

5:30-8

AT CHS

ART • DESIGN

POETRY

NATIONAL ART

HONOR SOCIETY

INDUCTION

SHOWCASE

Local student is recognized for her achievements in film

Cassie Passantino had three films accepted to prominent film festival

BY CHRISTOPHER NEELY
THE COAST STAR

WALL TOWNSHIP — Cassie Passantino, a Wall resident and senior at Communications High School, recently got to stroll the red carpet in Atlantic City and mingle with film industry professionals after her work was accepted into one of the region's most prominent film festivals.

The Garden State Film Festival is New Jersey's premiere independent film festival. For a filmmaker of any age, getting a piece accepted is a major accomplishment. But for the 18-year-old Ms. Passantino, that accomplishment felt a little bigger, as she was not only accepted for one of her films, but three.

The films were a variety of mediums that showed Ms. Passantino's impressive breadth of experience as a young filmmaker.

The first was a music video using the song "Drive" by alternative rock band Incubus. The video was shot in an abandoned warehouse in Long Branch when Ms. Passantino was only 16-years-old. The video focuses on the song's theme of the negative

power anxiety and fear can have over a person.

The second was a one-minute short film Ms. Passantino shot last October in Spring Lake. The film, titled "That's Nonsense, Flowers Can't Talk," follows two high school students who are stressed about their schedules. The two walk near a large patch of flowers when one character expresses her wish to simply forget about her schedule and "frolic in the flowers."

Ms. Passantino said she wanted to focus on the idea of "breaking that social abnormality and frolicking in the flowers."

The characters end up surrendering to their hearts' desire and playing in the flower bed and at the end, are noticed by a passing spectator, who expresses confusion over what the pair are doing.

The third film Ms. Passantino was chosen for was a film she completed as the cinematographer with a 10-member team of fellow communications students for a 48-hour filmmaking competition.

Shot in New York City, the film focuses on a woman whose laser focus on her career has kept her detached from forming a deeper relationship with life.

The Garden State Film Festival, which she attended with her family, was Ms. Passantino's first real film festival experience.

"It was incredible, I definitely was not expecting any of it," Ms. Passantino said. "It was such a community event. I was meeting and bonding with so many talented filmmakers. It was great to see how that community really comes back together."

For Ms. Passantino, her career focus, for now, is on cinematography, which would put her in creative control of the design of each shot of a film.

She said only three-percent of the cinematographers in the industry are women, and this makes her feel like a pioneer.

For now, Ms. Passantino is focused on finishing her final year at Communications High School.

As far as what her plans for college are, she said she is torn between the Honors College at Hofstra University, and the prestigious New York University Tisch School of Arts.

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COURTESY OF CASSIE PASSANTINO

Cassie Passantino, 18, of Wall Township, had not one, but three films accepted into the Garden State Film Festival, the state's premiere independent film festival held in Atlantic City between March 31 and April 3.