

CHS Communiqué

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

Please take a moment to register online [HERE](#).

Co-Presidents' Corner

By Janice Quattrocchi (parent of Anthony, Class of 2017) & Jody Sackett (parent of Julianne, Class of 2018)

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 be providing nourishing bagels for breakfast each morning during midterms. We are extremely excited about our first PSFA fundraiser event of the year. Please come and join us for the *Wine and Design* on November 4th, at Pinot's Palette in Red Bank – a great excuse to paint, drink, and meet other CHS parents. (See enclosed flyer for more information). As always, we would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers for their time and commitment to CHS. A big thank you goes out to our fabulous ladies from our Hospitality committee, Lang Holtz, Dania Bruneau and Sorca Gill, who provided a scrumptious spread and beautifully decorated scape for our annual MCVSD meeting last month. We would also like to thank Laura Andersen for her delicious personalized treats made just for that evening!

Our *Annual Donation Campaign* has been a huge success due to the support of our very generous CHS families. We would like to thank everyone who supported this fundraiser by either

making a monetary donation, or donating their time as a volunteer. Your contributions make CHS the exceptional school and community that we are! Tax exempt letters will be emailed before the end of the year.

The new Alumni Committee is off and running, thanks to chairs Carol Pardee and Vivien Cheng. They produced the first-ever official *Alumni Newsletter*, which went out last week. It was chock full of information from CHS alumni. Please visit our website chs.psf.org to view the newsletter, and ask your alumni friends to contribute articles or photos to alumni@chs-psfa.org for the next edition.

While you are browsing our newly updated website, please feel free to read our PSFA meeting minutes, which will be posted there each month, so you can stay current on CHS happenings. Be sure to mark your calendars for our festive *Mingle & Jingle* event at our December 1st PSFA meeting beginning at 6:30pm. It's a chance for parents to meet each other, enjoy holiday refreshments and shop for holiday gifts at the "CHS Mall", where student clubs will be offering fundraising items and the PSFA will be introducing our new CHS Swag line of accessories. You can see a few of the new items in this newsletter. Many thanks to freshman parent, Tammy Perconti for creating our CHS swag line. Also, if you want to participate in our delicious Cookie Swap, bring a dozen or two of your favorite holiday cookies, and go home with a variety of delicious treats for your family to enjoy. Don't forget to save the date for our biggest fundraiser of the year, our annual *Dinner and Gift Auction* on March 25th at the Jumping Brook Country Club. (See enclosed flyer for more information). The first meeting for all volunteers will be right after the November PSFA meeting; this is a great way to meet other CHS parents. Contact VP and chair Sharon Jemas at sjjemas@aol.com to help.

We are always so grateful for our brilliant students and their wonderful, supportive parents. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!





Wine & Design (see flyer in Communique!)



Come join us for the PSFA Wine & Design painting fundraiser **THIS FRIDAY**, November 4th from 7:00 – 10:00 at Pinot's Palette on Broad Street in Red Bank. We will learn how to paint a gorgeous shore picture while enjoying wine, appetizers, and dessert. It's the perfect fun way to meet other CHS parents, and bring your friends too! We'll socialize and warm up our artistic talent for a half hour before the 2-hour painting lesson starts. No talent needed; Pinot's caters to beginners. You'll bring your masterpiece home with you that evening to dazzle your family. Please bring a bottle of wine, appetizer, and/or dessert to make the evening extra-special; everything else is included. Any questions can be emailed to CHS.PSFA@gmail.com.

Seating is very limited due to the studio size, so please register *now* (\$40/person) by simply clicking on this link <https://www.pinotspalette.com/redbank/event/121455> to get to our event page and buy a ticket. Thanks, and see you there!

CHS – PSFA DINNER GIFT RAFFLE (DGR)

Theme: UNDER THE SEA

The students of CHS are undoubtedly excited to embark on the upcoming of spirit week. They have all embraced supporting their school by participating in various theme days throughout this week including the Halloween Parade, the Jenga event and Grunge Day. Also, new this year are HS Stereotypes Day and the Water Bottle Flip-off, unfolding a proud display of their school pride. **We ask you to show school pride by supporting the biggest fundraiser of the PSFA, the forthcoming Dinner Gift Raffle at Jumping Brook Country Club on Saturday, March 25, 2017.**



We will have our kickoff launch immediately after the November 3rd PSFA Meeting. All Chairs and anyone else expressing interest are welcome to attend. We would love for you to choose a committee and lend a helping hand! We are still in the beginning stages, so please introduce yourself and together we will make this DGR event another BIG success! We are very enthusiastic about the planning for the Dinner Gift Raffle. Again, the DGR Meeting will be held immediately after the November 3rd PSFA meeting in the cafeteria at CHS. If you cannot 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) donate a gift basket or item for a gift basket 2) solicit businesses for ads, gift certificates and/or products 3) attend the dinner with family and/or friends.** We have attached all the forms necessary for soliciting gifts and ads.

Take advantage of the approaching 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, support our fundraising efforts!



Please join us at the PSFA's *Mingle & Jingle*, a **Holiday Meet & Greet, on December 1st at 6:30 pm at CHS.**

This is a splendid opportunity to meet other CHS parents while enjoying festive treats and the celebrations of the season.

Following a *very* brief meeting, there will be lots of fun stuff, such as a Cookie Exchange – just bring 1 or 2 dozen of your favorite cookies to swap with other bakers there; you'll bring home a bag of treats your family will love.

Also available will be our informal "CHS Mall" where you can check out our brand-new CHS logo merchandise (such as flash drives, cinch sacks, coffee mugs, and more), as well as fundraising offerings from various CHS student clubs.

You can meet new friends, start your holiday shopping, and support your school – all at the same time!

Now *that's* the holiday spirit!

We hope to see you at CHS on December 1st!



Parent Student Faculty Association

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PSFA 13th ANNUAL DINNER and GIFT RAFFLE: UNDER THE SEA

Saturday, March 25, 2017

Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune

Dear Family, Friends, and Community Members,

Communications High School, an academy in the Monmouth County Vocational School District, is located in Wall, New Jersey and serves 300 students from more than forty school districts in Monmouth County.

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 enhancements to their education. Our success depends on the support of our families and community.

Please support our students by donating a gift, services from your organization, or by making a cash donation. All donations will be prominently acknowledged 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 17, 2017.** We will be happy to pick up your donation if you prefer.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Jemas: 732-915-2789 or e-mail chsdgr1740@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Communications High School PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle Committee



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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 the ads by **Friday, February 17, 2017**. Please make checks payable to: “CHS PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle”.

For any questions, please contact Sharon Jemas at 732-915-2789 or chsdgr1740@gmail.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 and Gift Raffle Ads” 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**

Receive Text Updates From the PSFA!

Never miss a CHS PSFA event or deadline again. Now you can stay up-to-date on everything that's happening at our school through this new communication system. Just text into the system and you will automatically be notified about important events and activities. Don't worry, we'll only alert you to the important stuff. And you can opt out anytime.

To join the system, simply text:
@chspfsa to 81010.



Any Questions contact: CSMacconnell@gmail.com

MCVSD All-District Academies Meeting

CHS hosted the MCVSD All-District Academies meeting last month. This annual event was well attended by PSFA officers and parents from all our sister academies (HTHS, MAST, AAHS, and BTHS) along with their Principals. The MCVSD Superintendent and staff also came to answer questions and share information about the district's budget, policies, and future plans. It was a wonderful opportunity for the PSFAs to exchange ideas and solutions to common issues.

Thanks so much to our outstanding Hospitality chairs
Lang Holtz, Dania Bruneau, and Sorca Gill
for transforming the cafeteria into a cozy autumn wonder,
and for creating a magnificently beautiful and delicious
hot & cold appetizers and dessert buffet to welcome our guests.

Thanks also to Laura Andersen whose culinary creativity
- packaging chocolates with the names of all the academies on them
- impressed everyone.

The PSFA thanks Mr. Gleason
for his tremendous assistance
and to everyone whose contribution
made this event a CHS success.



PSFA cordially invites you to an evening of

Wine & Design



Friday, November 4, 2016 ~ 7:00 - 10:00 pm

\$ 40.00 per person

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

Pinot's Palette

12 Broad Street, 1st Floor, Red Bank

Back by popular demand! Come join us as we learn how to paint a gorgeous picture while enjoying wine, appetizers and desserts all evening. It's the perfect, fun way to meet other CHS parents, and bring your friends too! We'll have the studio to ourselves as we relax and socialize for the first half hour before our two-hour painting lesson begins. No talent needed, Pinot's caters to beginners. You'll take your masterpiece home with you too! Please bring a bottle of wine, appetizer, and/or dessert to make our evening totally fulfilling. *Adults only please.*

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT!

Register online at:

<https://www.pinotpalette.com/redbank/event/121455>

Credit cards accepted.

You can also call the studio to register at 732-219-9222.

Seating is VERY limited in the studio, so don't risk missing out-
SIGN UP TODAY!

Questions:

Email us at CHS.PSFA@gmail.com or call Aphrodite Noone at 908-902-8175.



Thank you for supporting this PSFA Fundraiser!





The Alumni Committee will be mailing the first Alumni Newsletter to all alumni the PSFA has on record for class years 2012 through 2016 by the end of October. It will also be posted on the PSFA website under the new “Alumni” menu option (<http://chs-psfa.org/alumni-2/>). An online survey is also available so that we may collect alumni contact information and feedback for planning future events. Please spread the word to your friends, family, and acquaintances that attended CHS! Share your photos, memories, or information about what you have been up to with us at alumni@chs-psfa.org.

Below is a wonderful essay, written by Bri Dazio (Class of 2014), that we especially want to share with our current senior class along with the entire CHS community:

I know it’s only October, but I’m sure a lot of you seniors, and maybe even some juniors, are excited for graduation and the day you head off to college. You might already be counting down the days until you can decorate that blue cap, put on that gown, and shake Mr. Gleason’s hand as he hands you your hard-earned diploma. I remember the feelings of excitement and anticipation that accompanied the thought of leaving home and going to college. College is an amazing four (or more!) years of your life; but high school is amazing too! Enjoy every minute of it, because the next eight months are going to fly by. When you meet new people at college, you’ll have to describe Communications High School in just a few short sentences. There is truly no way to describe the quirky community of CHS. When people talk about their AP classes, tell them about your state-of-art broadcast studio, the darkroom, the hundreds of Mac computers, and the DV green screen. Try to describe Mr. CHS and lip sync to your new friends. They may laugh at the absurdity of it all, but you’ll know just how fun, weird, and unique the CHS family is. So appreciate all that CHS has to offer while you’re still there. Go to Winterball with your friends and maybe go out to Hoffman’s in Spring Lake afterward. Participate in spirit week and save up your coins for penny wars. Eat Mrs. Campbell’s McGuapos while you still can, the college dining halls don’t even come close. Don’t forget to thank the PSFA for bagels and Sunny D during exams because you’ll have to buy them yourself in college. Go to the DV club film festival and appreciate the hard work and talent of your classmates. Cut your team t-shirt, smear war paint on your face, and cheer on your team at Color Wars. Help decorate a locker pod for the CCC festival and learn a little bit about places you could potentially study abroad in college. When it’s time for the senior dinner, sit with your friends and family and laugh at the senior video and how the past four years have flown by. Decorate that cap and walk proudly across that stage at graduation. After all, you’ve earned it for surviving physics with Mr. Godkin and history with Mrs. O’Keefe. Enjoy every second of high school. Take photos to hang in your new college dorm room and make memories with your best friends. College may be just around the corner, but the memories and your CHS family will last forever. Good luck, CHS!



Samantha LaRochele
 Alice Nathanson
 Allison Paglia
 Kyle Robinson
 Megan Stanislawski
 Steven Topper

Christina Alfano
 Emily Brzozowski
 Sydney Coneeny
 Maura DeRose
 Julia Dwight
 Christina Flyn
 Lara Graney
 Emme Leong
 Elizabeth Klemm
 Emmanuella Macri
 David Neuwirth
 Cara Pesciotta
 Caroline Savage
 Nora Thomson
 Andrew Wang

Sarah Antaki
 Isabella Cavazoni
 Paulina Corcoran
 Cameron DeStefano
 Katrina Eggleston
 Jacqueline Geller
 Arielle Hutchinson
 Brandon Kalika
 Courtney Kushnir
 Grace Maloney
 Delia Noone
 Anthony Quattrocchi
 Julianne Sackett
 Josh Tobia
 Emma Wilenta

Matthew Avena
 Arielle Cohen
 Niki Dallicardillo
 Carly Drabeck
 Victoria Ferraro
 Samara Ghali
 Dylan Josephson
 Daniel Kimball
 Kyra Lally
 Audrey Mannion
 Triona Padala
 Cole Raymond
 Ebenezer Shim
 Jack Toohey
 Karoline Winzer

NHS Accepts Record Number of Applicants!

The CHS Faculty Council met last week to evaluate new applications for the National Honor Society. The members include Gail Plumeri, Scott Stengele, Karen Britto, Sandra Gidos, and Ellen Judge. Eligible applicants had to have a cumulative GPA of 92.00 or better, at least 100 hours of service and at least 50 hours of leadership. Most applicants exceeded those requirements. **The National Honor Society is delighted**

to welcome our new members!



Wreaths Across America Class of 2019



The Sophomore Class has decided on their community service project for the year. They are fundraising and volunteering for Wreaths Across America, an organization that strives to place a wreath on the grave of every veteran. After our fundraising efforts, students will have the opportunity to take part in the wreath laying ceremony on December 17th. Our

goal is to sponsor 100 wreaths to be placed on graves at Greenwood Cemetery in Brielle. Please consider joining us in this meaningful activity. More information regarding the organization can be

found at www.wreathscrossamerica.org

Our Group Id is NJ0079

Our Location Id is NJGDCB

All sponsorship forms (see next two pages),
 and checks are due back to Mrs. O'Keefe by November 18th.



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

WREATH SPONSORSHIP FORM

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
WREATHS *across* AMERICA™
 PO Box 249
 Columbia Falls, ME 04623
 Questions? Please call 877-385-9504
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP AND JOINING US
 IN OUR MISSION TO REMEMBER, HONOR AND TEACH!**

Do we have permission to publicize your name as a sponsor?
 Yes OR No, I wish to remain Anonymous

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card - If you wish to send a mailed honor card telling someone of your sponsorship-see "In Honor" section below. *Card will not be mailed if the \$2 fee is not included.	\$2.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

****SORRY, WE CANNOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS****

IN HONOR OF:

 Please provide email of "In Honor OF" recipient, or mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor. (If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet and we will include it.)

Email: _____
 Mailing: _____

IN MEMORY OF:

 This name will be listed on our online memory wall, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided.

Branch of Service: _____
 Rank: _____
 State: _____

Please note that ALL sponsorships are sent directly to the location and NO wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: NJGDCB Fundraising Group ID: NJ0079

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Cash \$: _____ Total \$: _____ Date: _____
 Total # of Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____
 MO \$: _____
 Entered _____ GEN: _____



WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG

IN 2007, THE WORCESTER FAMILY, along with veterans, and others who had helped with their annual Christmas wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America™, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. This nonprofit organization continues the Arlington tradition as part of its mission to Remember, Honor and teach.

In 2015, Wreaths Across America and our national network of **volunteers laid over 900,000 memorial wreaths at nearly 1100 locations in the United States and beyond.** We accomplished this with help from over 2500 fundraising groups, many corporate contributions, and donations of trucking, shipping, and thousands of helping hands. Our annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery is known as the world's largest veteran's parade, stopping at schools, monuments, veteran's homes and communities all along the way to remind people how important it is to remember, honor and teach.

Proceeds place a wreath at one of the participating cemeteries; help support our fundraising partners, educational and veteran's services outreach. *Please note that ALL sponsorships are sent directly to the location and NO wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.*

We welcome all to join us at any Wreaths Across America ceremony. If you would like to participate or help bring sponsored wreaths to your local community, please contact us and we will help connect you with other groups already working in your area.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

Start of World's Longest Veterans Parade
from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery and participating locations

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016

State House wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 States and Puerto Rico

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17, 2016

please check with your local location leader for start times.

Simultaneous wreath laying ceremonies at over 1100 locations all across the country and beyond.

For more information visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org, or call 877-385-9504.

You can also email info@wreathscrossamerica.org

REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH

Senior Class Trip



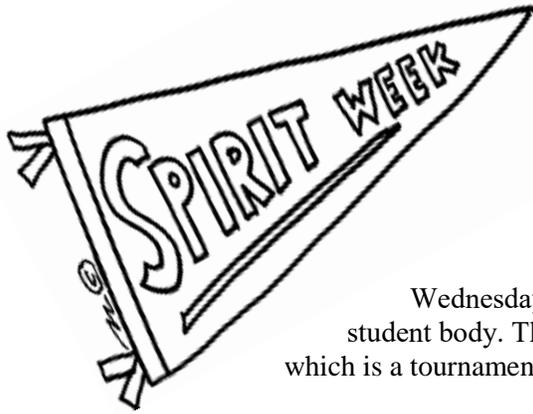
The Class of 2017 kicked off their senior year with a trip to NYC on September 21. First stop was Madam Tussaud's Museum where Rebecca Cleffi, Rachel Van Brunt and Luke Brown "met" the Obamas.

Lunch was at the Hard Rock Café as shown by Steven Topper, Anthony Whelan, Catherine Liang, Sam Hogan, Maddie Curtis, Sydney Smith, Grace Badger, Armando LaMastra, Tom Campbell, Jessica Jo, Rachel Fenniman, Jenna Cohen and Connor Bruneau.



And the grand finale of the day was the Broadway musical "Something Rotten!", enjoyed by Shannon Bradley and Sam Bender. The seniors wish to thank the CHS PSFA for their generous support of this trip! We literally could not have done it without you!

Fall Spirit Week



Preparation for the annual Fall Spirit Week is underway, and the Student Government Association has confirmed new themed days and lunchtime competitions for students to enjoy.

The week, which will commence on Monday, October 31st, kicks off with Halloween and a costume contest at 11 a.m. as per tradition. Students will be encouraged to wear their pajamas to class on Tuesday and participate in a class v. class Jenga competition during lunch.

Wednesday was voted “Punk/Grunge Day” via a Google Form sent to the CHS student body. The SGA invented a new competition for the day, titled “The Flip-Off”, which is a tournament requiring participants to flip water bottles so that they land standing up.

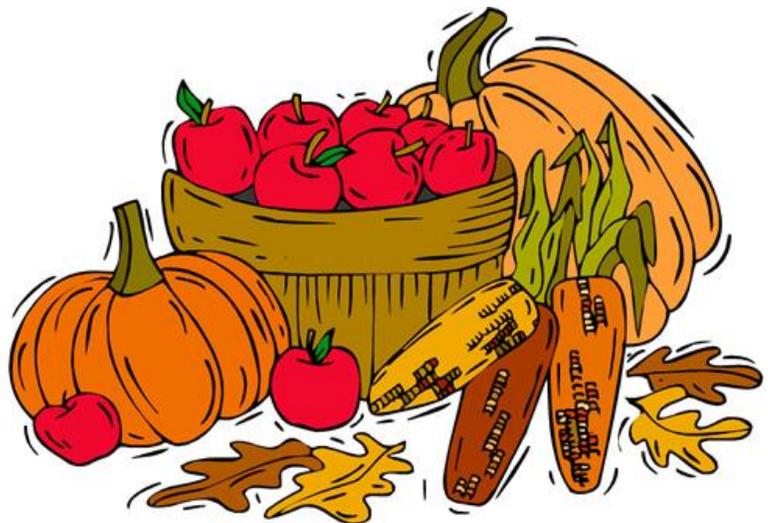
Students will be able to dress in formal wear such as dresses, slacks, suits, and ties for Fancy Day on Thursday, and the lunchtime event will be a timed art challenge. The week will conclude with an intense dodgeball tournament and a theme of “High School Stereotypes.”

Classes will be scored based upon their participation in daily themes and performance in lunchtime competitions. Although, there are two additional events that may affect a grade’s overall score.

Penny Wars is an annual tradition and fundraising competition that runs from Monday morning through Thursday at the end of lunch. There will be four class jugs placed in front of the main office, and students may drop pennies in their class’s jug as they pass to gain points. Students may also drop in silver coins such as quarters, nickels, and dimes to subtract points from the jugs of other classes. The class with the highest positive score at the end of the week wins and will keep half of the overall funds for class activity use. The other half will be given to SGA to use for Color Wars at the end of the year.

The daily Scavenger Hunt is a newer addition to Fall Spirit Week. At 10:30 a.m, students will be given a list of items to find throughout the school and bring to their class’s designated box in the cafeteria. The class to bring all items to their box in the shortest amount of time will receive the most points, and the list will contain different items every day. At the end of the week, the results of both Penny Wars and Spirit Week will be announced to CHS via the afternoon announcements.

The Student Government Association is looking forward to the first Spirit Week of the 2016-2017 school year and the amount of participation and CHS spirit it will bring!



Skills USA

SkillsUSA Student Leadership Conference

By EVAN KUO

Every year, the New Jersey chapter of SkillsUSA meets to elect new regional officers. As a youth-administered organization, this system allows their members to become active participants in leading the members of their respective region and acting as an advocate and a voice for them on the national level. This year, seven students from CHS attended this day-long event, chaperoned by SkillsUSA adviser Deb Maher.

After taking a group picture in front of CHS, a forty-five minute ride brought them to the Foundation for Educational Administration (FEA) Conference Center in Monroe, N.J. Brief refreshments were followed by the distribution of a schedule, which outlined the activities of the day.

By this time, the conference hall was filled with attendees. Tables were set up in the back of the room with candidates greeting the crowd and handing out things such as buttons and stickers. Each of the candidates had their own distinctive qualities, which they demonstrated in conversation and on their respective poster boards. Attendees had the opportunity to talk to each candidate and get a better understanding of their qualifications and goals.



The meeting was called to order at promptly 9:30 am, when the presiding officers recited formalities and introduced SkillsUSA as an organization: stating its mission and the positive impact it had on members. Then, the keynote speaker was introduced: sports psychologist Dr. Rob Gilbert.

At Montclair State University, Gilbert researches in the field of athletic teamwork and motivation. His presentation encompassed many different aspects of his philosophy, including setting goals for yourself and making the right choices to set yourself on the right path. The speech was punctuated with various demonstrations, including a rock-paper-scissors tournament and a room-wide game of simon-says. The experience left the crowd feeling exhilarated and energetic.

Shortly after, the candidates were introduced. Ten individuals stood on the stage. Three of them represented the central region, which includes Monmouth County. Each candidate was given two minutes to address the crowd. After the speeches, the candidates returned to their respective tables for another opportunity to meet the voters. Then, the assembly broke for lunch. The 45-minute break was filled with discussion about the candidates, and who each group would collectively vote for. Then, everybody was called back to the conference hall, where ballots were distributed. CHS students left promptly after casting their votes, in the interest of returning to school in time.

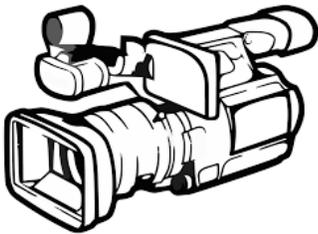
Career Day at CHS

On Friday, December 2, 2016, SkillsUSA and NTHS will be hosting a Career Day for the student body from 11:30am-2:20pm. Our keynote speaker will be an alumnus Rachel Belli. Rachel is a producer at News12. There are many alumni, parents and local community professionals that will be sharing their occupations with our students. Thank you to the PSFA who will be sponsoring the luncheon for the speakers and purchasing t-shirts as a thank you to them for participating. If you have any questions or would like to be considered as a speaker next year or as a back-up speaker this year, please contact Deborah Maher at dmaher@ctemc.org.

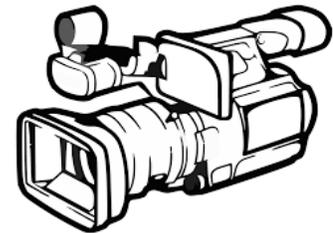


SkillsUSA are selling Entertainment Books. The books are \$30 each and contribute towards the students's SkillsUSA State and National competition fees. Please contact Deborah Maher at dmaher@ctemc.org if you are interested in purchasing a book.

CHS Digital Video Club



A team of student filmmakers from the CHS Digital Video Club traveled to NYC from 10/4 - 10/7 to compete in the All-American High School/AT&T Film Invitational.



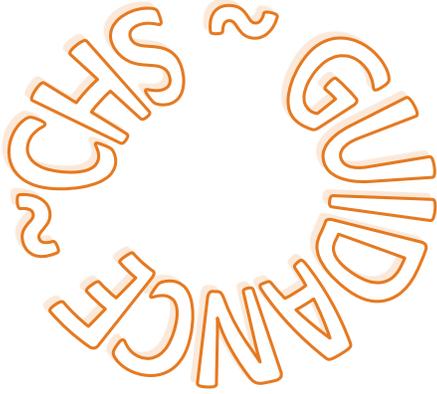
The All-American High School / AT&T Film Invitational is a 10-week film competition that provides schools from around the country the chance to write, direct, shoot and edit an 8-minute film in New York City complete with professional mentorship, professional actors and historic landmark locations.

This year in collaboration with AT&T and the Tyler Clementi Foundation high school filmmakers will be challenged to tackle the subject of cyber-bullying and risky online behavior. The invitational films were then screened at the AMC Theater in Times Square as a part of the All-American High School Festival. The CHS team's hard work since August paid off when out of over 35 teams from around the country they were awarded the Maverick Award for for the film that shows the most "outside the box" creative direction and execution for their entry "Charlotte Posts a Photo" which included a prize of \$2500.

This was an amazing experience working in NYC which wouldn't have been possible without the support of the CHS Faculty, Administration and PSFA. Our film can be found at <https://vimeo.com/186450761>

Director: Kierin Rogers
Producer: Kat Holtz
Screenwriter/Actor: Samantha LaRochelle
Editor: Jack Mannion
Director of Photography: Carly Drabek
Assistant Director: John Hennessy
Assistant Camera: Abigail Karl
Art Director: Daniela Delgado
Sound: Cole Raymond
Production Assistant/Actor: Kevin Meberg

The PSFA had awarded the DV Team a \$1,000 grant to assist with costs of this competition and production. Congratulations to the team for their outstanding achievements!



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

Seniors: Please bring in your response letters from the colleges. You can record your own information by clicking on the pencil icon under *Colleges I'm Applying To* tab in Naviance. Fill in the admissions decision in the drop down box.

We also keep track of scholarships the colleges offer you. We update your Naviance account when you provide us with the merit aid information you receive from the college. A running total can be viewed by scrolling to *Scholarship Applications* under *Colleges I'm Applying To*.

The FAFSA became available in October and is based on your 2015 income. Keep an eye on schools that require the CSS Profile: <http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>. Since every family's income is unique and most colleges have their own procedures for awarding aid, we recommend that you call the colleges to see if you must fill out the CSS profile. Determine if they need the information for need-based aid only. If you don't qualify for need-based aid and you are certain it will not impact merit aid, why spend the money? The CSS Profile will cost you \$25 for the first school you send it to and \$16 for each additional school.

The <http://www.monmouthcountyscholarships.com> site is resource to keep you informed of local scholarship opportunities.

Juniors: We have finished working with semester one junior seminar classes. Juniors are finishing up their college essays and putting together portfolios that will be returned to the guidance office. We will use this information in college planning meetings, writing letters of recommendation, and in preparation for sending support documentation to the colleges and universities they will apply to.

We'll be beginning individual junior conferences right after 1st Marking Period exams. You will receive a letter with a date and time to meet with your child's counselor. Please bring your questions and let us start the process of working together to find a college match for your child.

Ms. Barone, our guidance intern, is offering a lunchtime opportunity for juniors to think about his or her future. Vision Boards help us to think about what is important and put it in an eye-appealing format to display as a visual reminder of our goals. [More About Vision Boards](#).

Sophomores: Want to get a jump on the college planning process? Have your child download a practice SAT and a practice ACT. See which test they do better on and plan a testing strategy.

SAT Practice Test: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/getting-ready-redesigned-sat.pdf>

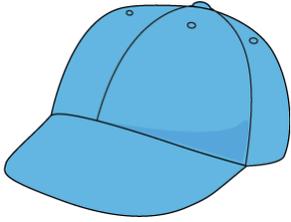
ACT Practice Test: <http://www.act.org/aap/pdf/Preparing-for-the-ACT.pdf>

Freshman: It's not too early to start thinking about college planning. Colleges are looking for quality, not quantity when it comes to extracurricular endeavors. Start thinking about activities your child enjoys and encourage him or her to dedicate the limited time he or she has to take it to the next level. Be creative and think of ways that your child can demonstrate entrepreneurial strengths or leadership abilities. Good writers may want to pursue publication. Dancers may coordinate a performance for a local senior center. You get the idea.

I'm also a proponent of using the format of the Congressional Award in college preparation. Many of the things your child is doing can be logged, organized and recognized in a comprehensive package. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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***BRAND NEW* CHS MERCHANDISE!**

SHOW YOUR CHS PRIDE ORDER YOUR SHIRT AND CAP TODAY!

The PSFA is pleased to introduce ¼ zip long sleeve nylon shirts and navy caps with the CHS logo. A great way to show your school spirit and these make great holiday gifts too!

Ordering is simple and just one click away. Go to <https://communicationshs.itemorder.com/sale> to view an image of the available items.

Once you select your item(s) & size and provide your credit card information, your order will be processed. The deadline for orders is **November 23rd**.

All orders will be ready for pick up by the students on 12/15 & 12/16 in the CHS lobby during lunch. Don't worry parents - we'll have everything wrapped and placed in gift bags so your kids won't see what you've purchased!

Please contact Tammy Perconti with any questions about orders.
tperconti@me.com



Parent Student Faculty Association

2016/17 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 25th and will run for ten consecutive Wednesdays through March 29th 2017 (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.

2016/17 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: