

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)

The second half of the school year is in full swing, and it's hard to believe that graduation will be held in less than four months! We are very proud of our seniors as we see the flags displayed in the cafeteria representing the colleges and universities from which they have received acceptance letters. Every acceptance is a testimony to the exceptional education at CHS.

The PSFA gives out ten \$500 scholarships to seniors, and now is the time to apply. Any senior with a GPA of 90 or higher whose family has been a member of the PSFA during their tenure at CHS should receive a Graduation Award application form, which must be completed and returned to the Guidance Office by April 21st. District representatives review and choose the award recipients, and scholarships are given out in June.

Elections for the 2017-2018 PSFA Officers will be held at the May PSFA meeting. We are sure the elections will result in outstanding leadership for the coming school year. Officer positions are open for Co-President, & Corresponding Secretary. **Please nominate yourself or someone else whom**

you feel would be an asset as an officer (or committee chair) of the PSFA. In addition, co-chairs are needed for several important committees next year, including Hospitality, Membership, Alumni, Fundraising, Catalyst Prep, Bonfire, Color Wars, & Public Relations. Please sincerely consider which talents you have that enable you to contribute to the school. Perhaps you'd even like to volunteer with a friend!

The PSFA is hard at work on the 13th Annual **Dinner and Gift Raffle, "Under The Sea," which will be held on March 25th** at Jumping Brook Country Club. There's still time to purchase tickets – just visit our website, chs-psfa.org, and with just one click, you can purchase your dinner and raffle tickets for the event. Donations of cash or new items are still happily accepted as well! Email chair Sharon Jemas at Chsdgr1740@gmail.com.

Come to a Basket Wrapping Bash! Everyone is welcome and no talent is required. **Bashes are held in Middletown on March 5th, 11th, and 18th**, so come meet other CHS parents while we create gift auction baskets. *Freshman parents*, please join us for our **Freshman Wrapper Bash on Sunday, March 5th, from 10:00-2:00PM** at Hope Raymond's house. (More details in this Communiqué).

Finally, **please join us at CHS on March 2nd at 7:00 for a Parent Chat Session focusing on choosing CHS electives and AP classes.** Faculty members will provide helpful insight as to how your child can make the most of their elective choices. We hope you'll stay for our regular PSFA meeting that begins immediately afterwards at 7:30; you won't even have to change your seat to attend.

We thank you for all your support in helping make CHS a truly special place for our students! As always, please feel free to contact us anytime at chs-psfa@gmail.com. We love to hear from our members.

See you on March 2nd at our next PSFA meeting!



Parent Chat Session Selecting CHS Electives & AP Classes

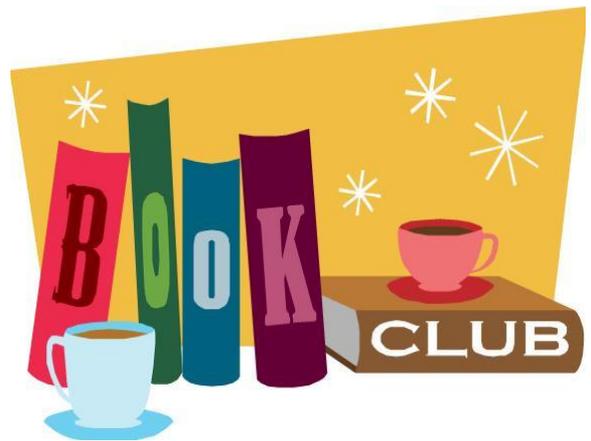
Calling all Parents! The PSFA will be hosting an informal *Parent Chat Session* this month in the CHS cafeteria to help with coming decisions. On March 2nd from 7:00 – 7:30pm, we'll discuss **Selecting CHS Electives and AP Classes**. Mr. Gleason and faculty will provide guidance for the discussion. Here's your chance to discover critical information about the many interesting CHS electives your child can choose, so that when your student brings those choices home this month, you'll already be up-to-date. Free coffee and tasty refreshments provided.

Our regular PSFA meeting begins in the same room at 7:30pm, right after the *Parent Chat Session*, so we hope you'll stay for the meeting and school news. You won't even have to change your seat to attend!

CHS PARENTS' BOOK CLUB

Do you love reading? Mingling with other CHS parents?

Our new CHS Parents' Book Club combines both. It's an informal opportunity for parents to gather once a month and discuss our favorite books, some of which are classics assigned by English teachers to CHS students. Now you can read those books and classics you always meant to – and demonstrate your literary prowess to your child.



Book Club meets one evening a month at members' homes or coffeehouses. Our books are chosen by members, and discussion centers around characters, themes, and more. Tasty refreshments power us through as we chat about CHS and the books.

Everyone is welcome in this very casual and very friendly group. If you want to be as well-read as your student, join us by emailing at chs.psfa@gmail.org.



CHS Senior Parents Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars for upcoming CHS Events. It is a very exciting time around CHS and the Class of 2017 Council is hard at work planning many events. Here are some big ones!

March 2: Volleyball Tournament 3pm

March 14: PI Day

April 24-28: Spirit Week, Mr. CHS 4/28

May 19: PROM at Battleground Country Club, Manalapan 6-10pm

June 8: Senior Awards Banquet
Doolan's Shore Club Spring Lake Heights, 6pm

June 9: Senior Canoe Trip & Picnic

June 20: tentative date for Graduation

Bring Your Talents to the PSFA Executive Board!

Elections for 2017-2018 PSFA Officers will be held in May.

Each year the PSFA seeks candidates who are willing to dedicate their time and talents to serve as officers in the organization. We encourage all PSFA members who are interested in helping their school to consider nominating themselves. In addition, if you know a PSFA parent who would be an asset to the Executive Board, please nominate them. All potential candidates must be active PSFA members.

The Executive Board consists of six positions: two Co-Presidents who preside over the meetings; one Vice President who assists the Co-Presidents and is the Fundraising Chair; one Treasurer who keeps accurate records of all PSFA monies and pays all approved bills for the PSFA; one Recording Secretary who keeps the Minutes and attendance for all PSFA meetings; and one Corresponding Secretary who is responsible for sending out proper notices for all regular meetings and handling PSFA correspondence.

All nominations will be considered by the Nominating Committee, which will present the slate of candidates in April. These candidates will be voted on at our PSFA General Meeting in May.

To nominate a PSFA member, please email the Nominating Committee Chair, Lang Holtz, at Langmsholtz@yahoo.com. Please use the form below for a nomination.

In addition, if you are interested in becoming a committee chair or co-chair, please let us know; all are welcome! Committee chairs are appointed, not elected, so do not need to be formally nominated. Committees include: Alumni, Hospitality, Fundraising, Membership, Newsletter, Parent-Student Activities, Bonfire, Color Wars, Public Relations, and Enrichment/Education (Driver's Ed, Catalyst SAT Prep).

Nominations will be accepted up until the election date.

Please use this form to nominate yourself or another PSFA member.
Email this nomination to Lang Holtz, PSFA Nominating Committee.
Nominations may be anonymous.

I nominate _____
(Name of candidate and their student's class year, if known.)

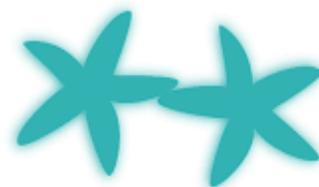
For the office of _____
(Co-President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, or Corresponding Secretary)

Your Name: _____
Your Phone Number: _____

I am interested in being a chair/co-chair for the following
Committee: _____



CHS-PSFA
DINNER GIFT RAFFLE
"Under the Sea"



IT'S CRUNCH TIME!

The Dinner Gift Raffle "Under the Sea" is approaching fast and items are still very much needed for gift baskets! Call a friend or two and go in together on a bigger ticket item - if you need suggestions on what would be a good choice, email chsdgr1740@gmail.com.

Or - hit some sales now that the seasons are changing and pick up some things that might work in a basket. We combine items to create value so don't worry if your item(s) aren't "big ticket".

We could also use empty baskets. Dig out those baskets you've saved - big and small - and send them along - we could sure use them!

Contact us through the email address above if you need a pick-up or send them into the school office. Time is running out and we need you - thanks in advance for your help!

We'll be looking forward to seeing you at Jumping Brook Country Club on March 25th.

The Dinner Gift Raffle Committee Event Team
www.chsdgr1740@gmail.com



Gift Basket Wrapping Bash

Now it's YOUR turn!
Come join us
to create lovely gift baskets for the upcoming
Dinner Gift Auction.



No talent required, just enthusiasm!!
Everyone is welcome!
Come for an hour or the whole session.
We will organize donations by theme,
assemble into baskets and wrap them up for auction.
It's a fun way to meet other CHS parents while helping your school.
Refreshments and coffee always available.

Volunteers will meet
at Hope Raymond's home,
36 The Trail, Middletown,
on the following days:
Sunday, March 5th - 10am-2pm "FRESHMEN WRAPPER"
Saturday, March 11th - 2-5pm
Saturday, March 18th - 10am-3pm

Freshmen parents are encouraged
to come to the *Freshmen Wrapper*
to meet each other as well as upperclass folks.

Questions or want to RSVP?

Call/text Hope Raymond at 908-256-3114
or email Bash Co-Chairs
Hope Raymond (Hoperaymond@yahoo.com)
& Jody Sackett (Jodylin@Verizon.net)
See you there!



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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.

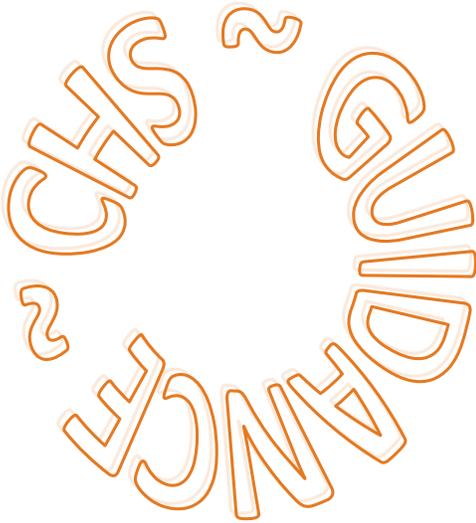
Donations may be mailed to "*CHS PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle*", at the above address. Please make checks payable to: "*CHS PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle*". We would appreciate donations arriving by **Thursday, March 17, 2017.** We will be happy to pick up your donation if you prefer.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Jemas: 732-915-2789 or e-mail chs McGr1740@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Communications High School PSFA Dinner and Gift Raffle Committee



Rising juniors and seniors: It's almost time to pick your classes for next year. We ask that you put thought into this task; it is your requests that will drive the schedule.

General Information

Choosing electives gives you an opportunity to explore your interests at a deeper level, have fun studying something you enjoy, or learn something new. We sometimes hear concerns regarding course selection and college preparation. At CHS we require students to take a 4th year math, a 4th year science, and at least three years of a foreign language so meeting minimum core requirements is usually not an issue. With a little searching, you can find this information on the college's web site.

For example:

[NYU](#)

[Boston University](#) (click on High School Transcript)

[Stanford](#)

These examples may address your question regarding taking a fourth year of a foreign language, but it does not speak to theme-based electives. This is where you have to follow your passion. For example, if you know you want to major in journalism, you should sign up for Visual Mass Media as a junior and Advanced Mass Media as a senior. If you are not that confident, try something new that interests you.

The Process of Selecting Electives

Complete instructions for selecting electives online will be at the end of the 2017-2018 course catalog when it is published on the Guidance blog.

- ✓ Juniors and seniors will be asked to select course requests in PowerSchool. Request only courses that you have a choice in taking. You will be preregistered for any core classes and/or classes with a logical progression (e.g., if you are in Algebra II, we will preregister you for Precalculus, however, if you're in Precalculus now we don't know if you would be requesting Calculus or AP Calculus. You would have to request a math. A rising junior will automatically be preregistered for English 3 and Junior Seminar. This student may request Advanced Digital Video as an elective.)
- ✓ Juniors and seniors must be aware of credits associated with the courses they are selecting. For a complete listing of credits associated with courses, see our school profile or the 2017-2018 course catalog on the Guidance blog.
- ✓ Juniors and seniors will be asked to return a course selection sheet, signed by a parent, to his or her school counselor.
- ✓ Juniors and seniors will be asked to complete a Google survey to indicate his or her preference with regard to elective selection (e.g., Advanced Java is my first choice elective.)
- ✓ Once the master schedule for the 2017-2018 school year is built with the minimum amount of student conflicts, juniors and seniors will meet with his or her counselor if there is a scheduling conflict that is not easily resolved.

Seniors:

PSFA Scholarships

Once again, our generous, hard-working PSFA will present monetary awards of \$500 each to a select group of seniors upon graduation. Application forms will be distributed from the Guidance Office (signature required) to qualified students. All interested seniors should complete the application and return it to their counselors no later than April 21, 2017.

Sophomores and Juniors: Please consider attending a local college fair.

Spring 2017 College Fairs

Ranney School

April 17, 2017

7:30 - 9:00

Monmouth County College Fair

Brookdale Community College

April 27, 2017

6:00 - 8:00

Meadowlands Exposition Center at Harmon Meadows

355 Plaza Dr.

Secaucus, NJ

April 26, 2017

9:00 - 12:00

5:00 - 8:00

April 27, 2017

9:00 - 12:00

Sophomores: Save the date for our parent night, March 30th, 2017 at 6:00. You will receive parent access to your own Naviance account as well as learn how to help your child with the college planning process.

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Sandie Gidos, 732-681-1010 x3004

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National Technical Honor Society News

The National Technical Honor Society conducted workshops during the week of February 6th in honor of Career and Technical Education month. Members chose a variety of topics and welcomed the student body to participate. Students learned and had fun at the same time.

NTHS WORKSHOPS

MONDAY ————— RESUME MAKING
 TUESDAY ————— ORIGAMI
 WEDNESDAY — RANSOM NOTE POETRY
 WEDNESDAY 2nd half — BRANDING/LOGOS
 THURSDAY ————— COOKIE DECORATING
 FRIDAY ————— LIGHT PAINTING

Cookie Decorating 



 Ransom Note Poetry
Resume Writing 



Origami 





Catalyst's SAT and ACT Bootcamps at Communications and Allied are coming up!

These momentum-building weekend seminars give students the insight and confidence they need on the day of the test. Students will also leave with Catalyst's self-study materials for sustained practice right up until the test.

Tuition for each Bootcamp is just \$175.

To enroll, visit <http://www.catalystprep.com/> and click on the Bootcamp Sign-Up tab on the website's menu bar or call us at 800.235.0056.

SAT Bootcamp at Communications

Saturday, March 4th from 9am-1pm and Sunday, March 5th from 9am-1pm

ACT Bootcamp at Academy of Allied Health

Saturday, April 1st from 9am-1pm and Sunday, April 2nd from 9am-1pm



Support the Class of 2019

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FLATS:

marigolds
petunias
begonias

4" POTS &
HANGING
BASKETS:

geraniums
impatiens
fuschia

In time for Mother's Day!