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The PSFA also has important PSFA announcements via our email system. **Please take a moment to register online [HERE](#).**

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Submissions are welcome.

Co-Presidents' Corner

By Jody Sackett (parent of Julianne, Class of 2018) and Laura Andersen (parent of Julianna, Class of 2019)

Are those holiday sleigh bells ringing? No, it's **the PSFA's Mingle & Jingle!** This holiday social, held on Thursday, December 7th at 7:30 in CHS, is **open to everyone** who loves festive treats, watching the talented CHS students perform, meeting other CHS folks, and supporting student club fundraisers. For the first time, our talented CHS Drama Club will perform a scene from their holiday play; and the CHS Chorus will be singing irresistible holiday songs. Come make an edible mini-gingerbread cottage to take home, try your skill at the Sophomores' Lucky Stocking game, and don't forget to bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies to exchange at the Cookie swap. Many student clubs will be offering their creative fundraisers, including CCC's breakfast sales Gift certificates, National Art Honor Society's own jewelry and coloring books, photos by the Photo Club, CHS sportswear by SGA, CHS's own Literary magazine, bookmarks and books by the CHS Book Club, Senior class Santa sleds and their Toy Drive, & lots more. Buy a CHS Swag item during this event and the PSFA will give you a free cell phone accessory. Come support our

beloved school and have fun doing it.

Speaking of The **CHS Drama Club**, they will be performing *It's a Wonderful Life* on Dec. 1st and 2nd, so don't miss this fabulous performance in the CHS cafeteria.

The **CHS Coffeehouse** last month was marvelous as more than 50 talented performers entertained students and their families with amazing original songs and poems, lovely music, dancing, and more. This is always a variety show never to be missed.

Thanks to our hard-working **Hospitality team** for the nutritious bagel breakfasts they provided to all students last month during midterms. The crew is busy again this month, as they create a holiday wonderland for the *Mingle and Jingle* on December 7th, and the next day serve a delicious lunch to the **CHS Career Day** speakers who've come to share their career experiences with all students. We are always grateful to chairs Gayle Topper, Lynn Shuling, and Cambi Mannion for their amazing culinary skills, and to Skills USA for organizing Career Day.

Don't forget to register your student driver-to-be for the **Driver's Ed class** that begins in January. There are still a few spots open, so email Chair Ronett Sagman at chs.psfa@gmail.com if you are interested.

Show your school spirit with our splendid **CHS Swag, now sold in the cafeteria during lunchtime on the first Friday of each month.** You can even order in advance and have it delivered to your child that day; check our website at chs-psfa.org for photos and order form. Contact Chair Tammy Perconti at Tperconti@me.com for information; she's done a truly amazing job creating this line of CHS items and apparel.

Our **FIRST EVER** Alumni Homecoming will be held on Thursday, December 28th from 11:00 – 1:30 in the CHS Cafeteria. **ALL** Alumni are welcome! Come catch up with each other over brunch, take selfies at the booth, visit classrooms again, and much more. More info is at <http://chs-psfa.org/alumni-2/alumni-newsletter/>. Hope to see everyone there.

Happy Holidays to all, and we look forward to seeing you next year!



A Special Thank You!

THE LIST OF DONORS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE DINNER & GIFT AUCTION PROGRAM.

THANKS FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT OF OUR BELOVED SCHOOL!

THANK YOU to the many, many generous CHS families that donated funds or volunteered for committees in our recent Annual Donation Campaign. The response was impressive and we are ever so grateful to you all for your support.

Donations will be used to directly support CHS programs such as Student Club Grants, scholarships, school assemblies, Day Planners given to all students, education programs like the SAT/ACT reviews and Driver's Ed, busing for field trips, social events like the Beach Bonfire and Color Wars, printed Directories, Teacher Appreciation Week, Bagel Breakfasts before exams, and much more.

Volunteers are necessary to make all these events and projects happen, so we are always also so thankful for your donation of time, a most precious commodity.



CHS Driver's Ed Test Preparation

DATES: WEEKLY, JANUARY 10 – MARCH 21, 2018

TIME: 2:30-5:30PM

COST: \$150

AVAILABLE TO: AGE 15 AND OVER

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 age 15 and older. The purpose of the course is to prepare for the NJ MVC written test. Bob Estler, of Just Rite Driving School will instruct students on basic principles of driving and the rules of the road. The cost is \$150.

The class will start on Wednesday, Jan 10, 2018 and will run for 10 weeks through Wednesday, March 21 weather permitting (there's no class on Wednesday January 24). The class will be from 2:30pm to 5:30pm. 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.

This is a theory class only, but enrolled students will also take the written MVC test on the last day of the course. 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 eligibility.

'Behind the Wheel' training is a separate course. Just Rite Driving School offers six-hour behind the wheel instructions at a discount for CHS students enrolled in the A Driver Education Theory Class. For 'Behind the Wheel' registration, please contact Luanne, of Just Rite Driving School at 732-534-4688.

If you would like to enroll or need additional information, please email ronit_sagman@yahoo.com.

If you would like to enroll in the class, please send an email with the following info:

Student Name: _____

Student Age: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Address: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Chaperone Phone Number (if Different): _____

Preferences of Chaperone Dates (either preferred or unavailable): _____



Grade-by-Grade Tips

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR COLLEGE.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR EVERY GRADE.

Seniors: Please bring in your response letters from the colleges. You can track your own results by clicking on the pencil icon under *Colleges I'm Applying To* tab in Naviance. Fill in the result 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*.

Keep an eye on deadlines and schools that require the CSS Profile:
<https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx>.

The FAFSA became available October 1st. Professional assistance to complete the FAFSA is available free of charge. Visit <http://njfafsadays.org/> to see a list of locations.

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

Midyear reports will be sent to colleges as soon as grades are finalized. You do not have to fill out a request form. Grades are sent automatically. See your counselor if your school requires first marking period grades.

Juniors: We would like to extend a sincere *Thank You* to all the parents that are taking time from their busy schedule to attend junior conferences and fill out brag sheets!

Sophomores & Juniors Mark your calendars for our local college fairs:

Monmouth County Regional Fair
Thursday, April 26, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30pm
Brookdale Community College
Lincroft, NJ

Meadowlands Exposition Center at Harmon
Meadows
355 Plaza Dr
Secaucus, NJ 07094
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 ,9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information on college fairs: <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/new-jersey/>

Advice for **Freshman**: Stay focused on your grades, but don't obsess over them. Get involved. Don't take life so seriously. Avoid drama and gossip. Take time to be still. Popularity should never be your top priority. Don't let your happiness depend on others. Be kind. Follow your passion, and if you don't have one, don't believe that everyone else does. Get to know your school counselor. Be mindful.

A reminder to all: Alumni Day will be December 22nd for the Class of 2016 and 2017. Alumni will be receiving more information in the mail.



Welcome to
amazon smile

Just a holiday cyber reminder - please consider using Amazon Smiles when you are shopping online. Simply by using it, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the CHS PSFA; but it won't cost you a dime.

First-time users should copy and paste this into your browser, [smile.amazon.com/ch/22-](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3759364)

[3759364](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3759364) or visit smile.amazon.com, and select **COMMUNICATIONS HIGH SCHOOL PSFA INC** as your preferred charity. Your selection will be saved for future purchases.

Thanks for your continued support of the PSFA!



Order CHS Merchandise!

WHEN: FIRST FRIDAY, EVERY MONTH

WHERE: CAFETERIA

OR VISIT: <http://chs-psfa.org/support-the-psfa/chs-swag/>

Contact Tammy Perconti with any questions regarding orders – tperconti@me.com

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2nd Annual Mingle Jingle

DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

TIME: 7:30PM

**PARENTS AND FAMILIES WELCOME
TO ATTEND THIS FESTIVE NIGHT &
ENJOY WONDERFUL REFRESHMENTS
AND BEVERAGES!**

Here is a just a sampling of the holiday activities planned for the evening:

- Performance by the Drama Club from their play "It's a Wonderful Life"
- Holiday songs by the CHS Chorus
- Student Club Fundraiser Sale: Meet the student reps and their merchandise from the National Art Society, Cultural Communications Club, Literary Club, Senior Class, National Honor Society and more!
- Take a chance at The Lucky Stocking Game being run by the Sophomore Class
- CHS Book Club Bookmark and Used Book Sale
- Make a Mini-Gingerbread Cottage to take home
- SGA's CHS Sportswear Sale
- Photo Club
- The Junior Class will be selling Coffeehouse 2017 DVDs
- The Senior Class is selling Santa Sleds and conducting the Toy Drive
- Cookie Swap (please bring 2 dozen cookies and go home with a delicious sampling of yummy cookies)
- PSFA's Holiday CHS Swag Sale. Special Holiday Bonus - With every Swag purchase receive a free CHS Cell Phone accessory!

Come join us! See you there!

There will be a very brief PSFA meeting preceding the Mingle & Jingle.



Class of 2018 Toy Drive

KICKOFF: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

WHERE: CHS MINGLE & JINGLE

PLEASE BRING NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS TO DONATE!

The Class of 2018 is sponsoring a toy drive to benefit the local American Red Cross.


This cause is near and dear to one of our students and has become important to the entire senior class. Please read the following from Senior, Felicia Aschettino:

On December 2nd, 2009 at 2:32am, my mom woke up to the smell of smoke. I was nine at the time, and my little sister, Isabella, was only 2 months old. My mom tapped my dad on the shoulder, asking him to look out the window to see why she had smelled smoke. When he opened the blinds, he saw that our entire addition was up in flames. They grabbed my sister, and ran to my room to get me. I remember opening my eyes to my father screaming "Fire! Fire!", as he was yanking me out of bed. I could see the fear in my family's eyes, as we never expected that something like this could happen to us. Everything else is crystal clear, yet at the same time a blur. It's hard to forget one of the scariest moments of your life. We sat in the car for what seemed like days, waiting for the firefighters to put out the flames. At around 5am, we went to my grandma's house.

When we arrived, the Red Cross was there with survival kits, bags of clothes, and everything else we could possibly have needed. The Red Cross were a huge help to our family. They gave us money, gift cards, clothing, food, water, blankets, pillows, and so much more. They even offered to pay for us to live in a hotel for as long as we needed. We wouldn't have survived without them.

Later in December, my grandma heard a knock at her door. She opened her door to three kids dressed as elves holding bags and bags of presents, that had been donated to the Red Cross to give to my family. Because of the Red Cross, I had a Christmas that year. My family was the first family to receive gifts from the Operation Santa Run, and since then, the foundation has grown.

Last year, I was able to collect, wrap, and deliver toys to kids who have been through the same thing I have, and it was a truly wonderful experience. I was able to see the joy on the children's faces as they unwrapped toys, and could see how thankful they were for this simple act of kindness. This year, we will be wrapping and hand delivering gifts to children who are victims of house fires and children with parents in the military. The Red Cross is such an amazing organization that has helped millions of people during their time of need, and it would be amazing if you could donate some unopened toys to such a great cause. Thank you for your support.



Annual 3v3
Basketball
Tournament

Congratulations 3v3 Winners!

RON COLE

JACKSON PACK

MARISA HARCZUK

The Annual 3v3 Basketball Tournament, hosted by the Class of 2021, was held on October 23. Council members Brigid McCarthy, Olivia McCarthy, Riley Forrester, Zoe Connor-Bennett and Steve Ostrom, along with Tournament Director Michael Rau would like to thank the 9 teams who participated and congratulate Ron Cole, Jackson Pack and Marisa Harczuk who defeated Jack McHugh, Brian Schade and Riley Rademacher in the championship game. A big thank you to all of the fans who came out to cheer on our CHS basketball stars!





Congratulations!

WE'RE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR
INCOMING NHS MEMBERS FOR 2018!

INDUCTION CEREMONY: TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 5TH

TIME: 6:30PM

LOCATION: CHS

In order to be eligible, NHS members needed to have completed a total of 150 volunteer hours, at least 50 of those had to be leadership hours, and maintained a grade point average of 92 or above. This year, 44 Junior members and 9 Senior members were admitted.

The National Honor Society of Communications High School presents the list of 2018 incoming members.

Juniors

Anderson Juliana
Beekman Allie
Caruso Giovanna
Colucci Alexis
DeFelice Lauren
DeRosa Vivian
Drummond Phoebe
Forester Kelly
Gallo Mia
Fao Sebrina
Gill Kiera
Hammond Kaitlyn
Harczuk Marisa
Hecht Emma
Heidelberger Cecilia
Jemas Kathryn
Johnson Amelia
Kadokia Khushi
Karlin Sydney
Kazenmayer Leah
Krall James
Lynch Jillian

Juniors (cont.)

Marshall Liam
Martin Connor
McCaffrey Grace
McGovern Kera
McLaughlin Caitlin
McNeill Emily
McNey Sarah
Megerle Colleen
Molnar Nicole
Monaghan Caroline
Patel Parthesh
Petto Tali
Ruderman Cailey
Sammarco Erica
Seldner Jessica
Taylor Patrick
Topper Michael
Treshock Grace
Ward Summer
Weitzman Alexandra
Wheeler Kyle
Wilenta Audrey

Seniors

Coneeny Abigail
Gibson Kathleen
Collan Caitlin
Karl Abigail
Lalor Erica
Lykes Mary
Pepsin Anika
Spiezia Lauren
Weisel Timothy

NHS is hosting an induction of its new members on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 P.M. at Communications High School. The induction is the official beginning of a student's acceptance into the honor society. Friends and family are welcomed to attend the event. The National Honor Society of Communications High School is overjoyed to see a large number of ambitious students working hard to make their communities a better place.



The **Cultural Communications Club** has been busy these past few months!

In September, volunteers went to Asbury Park to help out at One More Triathlon for Special Olympics. Students woke up to see the sunrise at the beach while preparing for the event and spent the day cheering on athletes. They also worked at the Allaire Community Farm Food Truck Festival, where they enjoyed the food and managed the petting zoo.

In October, CCC club members set up the Pick Your Paw Comedy Night Event and painted a street mural for Better Block Asbury Park 2017. The mural featured heart designs, created to bring the community closer together.

In November, the CCC held its first ever food drive for The Center in Asbury Park. The club collected four full boxes of items to help restock the pantry for people living with HIV/AIDS. Later in the month, students also attended Allaire Community Farm Special Needs Harvest! Volunteers danced with the kids, served food, and assisted the pony rides despite the cold weather.

The CCC has been doing its best to help the community and reach out to those in need. In December, the club will have its annual Barnes & Noble Gift Wrappings events in Howell. There will be four shifts every weekend where students will wrap books and collect donations for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The club will also host a Head Start Holiday Event, where the children will come to CHS to enjoy performances by the club members and receive gifts for the season. We are extremely excited for what's to come, and hope everyone enjoys the holidays. As always, feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.





Fall 2017 Spirit Week Results	
WINNERS:	SENIORS – 315 POINTS
2 ND PLACE:	SOPHOMORE – 295 POINTS
3 RD PLACE:	JUNIORS – 243 POINTS
4 TH PLACE:	FRESHMEN – 207 POINTS

The Student Government Association held its first Spirit Week of the 2017-2018 school year from Monday, October 30 to Friday, November 3. Every day had a theme; there was Fancy Day, Halloween, Meme Day, Tourist Thursday, and CHS’s all-time favorite, Pajama Day.

The week consisted of multiple lunchtime events where grades were pitted against each other to try and earn points for their class, such as Minute To Win It and Dodgeball. Daily games included the Scavenger Hunt and the annual Penny Wars fundraiser.

The Penny Wars event raises money by having students donate their loose change and dollars to get points for their grade. Usually, half the profit goes to the SGA and the other half is given to the grade that ends with the highest score in the game. This year, in light of the recent natural disasters, 40% of the profit went to the SGA, 40% went to the winning class, the seniors, and 20% went to Save the Children for Hurricane Maria. In the end, the school raised a total of \$2,866 from Penny Wars - approximately double of what was earned last year.

As the week came to a close, it was announced that freshmen earned 207 points, juniors had 243 points, sophomores obtained 295 points, and seniors claimed their first Spirit Week victory with 315 points.

The SGA’s Spring Spirit Week is scheduled for Monday, April 16 to Friday, April 20, and we are more than excited to start planning it!



Remember the PSFA's Gift Auction!

WHILE SHOPPING THOSE GREAT POST-HOLIDAY SALES, DON'T FORGET THE PSFA'S GIFT AUCTION!

GIFT AUCTION WISH LIST IS BELOW!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Electronics	Outdoors	Appliances/Cookware	General
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple Watch • Apple MacBook Air 13.3" Display (i5, 8GB Memory, 128 GB Flash Storage) • Amazon Echo • Amazon Fire HD 10 - 10.1 Tablet • Sonos wireless speaker • iRobot-Roomba • Xbox-Onex • iPad Pro • Samsung 55" TV • Canon PowerShot G7 X, Mark II • Nintendo - Switch 32 GB • GoPro HERO 5 (4K) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yeti Tundra 45 Cooler, Desert Tan • Beach Cruisers • Drone • Weber Kettle Grill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farberware High Performance Nonstick (17 piece set) • Ronco Ready Grill • Ninja - Crush, Blend, Chop • Cuisinart Mini-Prep Plus Processor • Kitchen Aid Mixer • Nutribullet RX (2.3Horsepower) • Crock-Pot Classic 8qt Slow Cooker • Cuisinart - DCC-3400 12-Cup Programmable Thermal Coffeemaker and DBM-8 Burr Grinder Bundle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadway Tickets • Jewelry • Handbags • Blue Apron Meal Delivery • Restaurant Gift Certificates • DisneyWorld Tickets • Shark Steam Mop • Bissell SpotClean Proheat

Communications High School 2017 Homecoming & Reunion

Brunch
will be served

Compliments
of
CHS PSFA



Thursday, December 28

11:00 am to 1:30 pm

at Communications High School

RSVP by December 7, 2017

<https://goo.gl/forms/tco14loUCPfcZeE63>

Please respond even if you do not plan to attend. This will help us
keep our alumni class lists up to date.

You're Invited!

Meet Old Friends
Photo Booth
Tour CHS
Games
Door Prizes
Shop CHS Merch
& More!

