

CHS Communiqué

Parent Student Faculty Association Newsletter

Volume Eighteen, Issue 4



November 2018

CHS Communiqué is the official publication of the CHS PSFA, The Parent Student Faculty Association of Communications High School, a Monmouth County Career Academy.

Beth Chunn
newsletterchs@yahoo.com

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

 <https://www.facebook.com/CHS.PSFA>
 [@ ComHS_MCVSD](#)

Submissions are welcome.

Co-Presidents' Corner

By Laura Andersen (parent of Julianna, Class of 2019) and Michelle Rosenberg (parent of Aidan, Class of 2020)

Happy Halloween and Happy Fall to all of our CHS families! The year is moving along nicely and the PSFA is in full swing getting ready for the wonderful events we have scheduled in the weeks and months to come.

The PSFA hosted Sweets by the Beach in October and what a great event it was! We had over 80 families join us at Taylor Pavilion for ice cream, delicious sweets and great company. Thank you to all of the families who attended this new event, we are so grateful that you were able to join us kick off the school year and we hope you had as good of a time as we did! From the delicious treats to the amazing conversations to watching our kids on the beach, we are so happy this event was such a success! Thank you to the NHS students who helped set up this event, we couldn't have done this without you!

The PSFA has also been busy working with Mark Allen, our web design master, in creating our new website. We invite you to take a look at the new

design and let us know what you think! We're are thrilled with the updated enhancements and encourage you to keep an eye out for new information to be posted soon.

The PSFA is happy to announce that we kicked off our Annual Donation Campaign earlier this month. Thank you to all of our families who've donated and if you haven't participated yet, it's not too late! Please see the document in the Communiqué for more information. Your contributions help make CHS what it is, an amazing school with amazing students! A tax deduction letter will be sent to you before the end of the year so please watch your email for this document.

The donations collected during our Annual Donation Campaign help support the many activities that the PSFA contributes to. At our last PSFA meeting, we were thrilled to be able to award four grants to the following Clubs: JSA, CCC, NHS and Literary Magazine. Without your help, we would not be able to support these clubs and their participants. Again, we thank you for your donation!

Once again, the Alumni Committee has published its quarterly Alumni Newsletter. Thanks to our chairs Vivien Cheng and Mary Ellen Landolfi for putting together such a wonderful newsletter. Please visit our

website to view the newsletter. Our second Alumni Reunion & Homecoming will be next month on Thursday, December 27th so please keep a look out for more information if you happen to know of Alumni students.

Lastly, be sure to mark your calendars for our festive *Mingle & Jingle* on Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 pm. Get a jump on your holiday shopping while mingling with other CHS families. Many of the CHS clubs will be participating in this activity selling items or promoting their clubs so please consider joining us as we support our students! We promise it will be worth your time as there will be many yummy treats and you'll be in great company as you help celebrate the holiday a little early! We look forward to seeing you there!

From all of us, we wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving. We would like to take a moment to let all of our CHS families know how very grateful we are for your kindness and support throughout the year. It is never taken for granted and we are so thankful for all you do! Happy Thanksgiving!



2018 Mingle & Jingle

DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2018

TIME: 7:00PM

WHERE: CHS

STUDENT CLUBS WANTED!!!

Please mark your calendars for our festive Mingle & Jingle on December 6th at 7:00. This is a community social event. Student clubs will be there selling their fundraising items, so you can meet them and also get a jump on your holiday shopping. You can also show your pride with CHS Swag from the PSFA. Come participate in the Cookie Exchange (bring a dozen and take home a dozen) or just enjoy the delicious refreshments while you mingle with other CHS parents and student reps.



Bagel Breakfast Volunteers Needed!

SIGN UP TO HAND OUT BAGELS,
CEREAL AND DRINKS DURING
MIDTERMS!

NOVEMBER 13 & 14

November brings midterms and with that our bagel breakfast. The PSFA provides bagels, gluten free cereal, and drinks to all students on exam days. A group of parents meet at school and set up everything. If you are interested in joining us, please email Gayle Topper at rqqgtopper@aol.com. And please tell your students to come to the cafeteria first thing on exam days to pick up something to eat and drink



CHS Driver's Ed Test Preparation

DATES: WEEKLY, JANUARY 8 – MARCH 19, 2019

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 Tuesday, Jan 8, 2019 and will run for 10 weeks through Wednesday, March 19 weather permitting (there's no class on Tuesday January 29). 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): _____



Dear CHS Families,

Welcome back to Communications High School for another year of academics, creativity, friendships and so much more. While Communications High School continues to score well in state-wide and national rankings, it offers the students special opportunities to explore and grow their creative and communication skills. Our children are getting an excellent and unique education, and our PSFA is excited to be a part of it.

The goal of the PSFA is to enrich the CHS experience for all students, faculty, and parents. To achieve this, we work hard every year to contribute:

- PSFA college scholarships
- A printed PSFA directory listing all members and faculty
- Bagel breakfasts for every student before all midterms and final exams
- Busing for class trips for all grades
- All-school student assemblies
- Financial grant support for faculty, student clubs and competition teams
- Driver's education courses
- SAT & ACT review programs through Catalyst Prep weekend Boot Camps
- The Color Wars all-school BBQ and t-shirts for all the students
- The Beach Bonfire following Color Wars for students and families to celebrate the end of the year and welcome the incoming freshman class.
- Parent mentoring for incoming freshman
- Text reminders for CHS and PSFA events
- Alumni newsletter and reunion
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Graduation caps & gowns for all graduating students
- The Sweets by the Beach dessert social to welcome students and families
- Parent social activities, such as the Wine & Design and Gift Auction Dinner

In order to provide these many benefits, the PSFA is asking for your support as we launch our Annual Donation Campaign. We suggest a single donation per family of \$100. We understand that each family has their own commitments, so all donations, no matter the amount, are gratefully appreciated.

Remember, your donation enables activities for the entire student body. And we would not be able to provide the assistance we currently do without your support.

If you are unable to donate funds, we would appreciate your donation of your valuable time to PSFA committees and events, to help us mutually achieve our CHS goals.

We truly thank you for your past assistance, and your continued support of CHS.

The back of this letter has a donation form, which can be mailed or sent in with your child to the CHS Main Office. Our Annual Donation Campaign ends soon, so don't delay – help our students today!



Parent Student Faculty Association

1740 New Bedford Road, Wall, NJ 07719-3740

CHS.PSFA.org

PSFA ANNUAL DONATION CAMPAIGN 2018-2019

YES! We want to help make the PSFA Annual Campaign a success with our donation (\$100 recommended per family). Enclosed is our check made payable to "CHS PSFA."

Parent/Family Name (as you'd like it to appear on our Thank-You List)

Student(s) Name and graduation year _____ 20 _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____ - Thank you so very much!

Email Address*: _____ Phone: _____

**Please provide us with your email address so that we may email you a receipt for your tax-deductible donation and save on mailing costs.*

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM

____ Yes, my employer will (or may) match this gift. NOTE: Parent must request the matching donation forms from employer; they will then contact us. Please let us know if your employer has agreed to match your gift so we can follow up as needed. Thank you!

Name of Employer: _____ Contact
Name/Number for Matching Gifts (if applicable): _____

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE PSFA MAKE CHS EVEN BETTER! Your Annual Donation will make a huge difference to *all* the students. *The deadline for donations is November 2, 2018.*

Please complete the Form above, attach your check made payable to "CHS-PSFA" and return both in an envelope as soon as possible, either by mail or by having your student bring this to the Main Office.

Mailing Address: CHS PSFA
1740 New Bedford Road Wall, NJ 07719



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 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 2016 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 are working with semester one junior seminar classes to organize the college search process. 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 soon. 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.

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.

Freshman, sophomores and juniors:

PSAT scores will be back in December. Use this valuable resource to prepare for the SAT and take advantage of the free services that come with participating in this test. Start on page 4 of the PSAT/NMSQT [student guide](#).



Save the Date
<p style="text-align: center; color: #4a7ebb; margin: 0;">ANNUAL DINNER & GIFT RAFFLE</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #4a7ebb; margin: 5px 0 0 0;">DATE: MARCH 30, 2019</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #4a7ebb; margin: 5px 0 0 0;">LOCATION: JUMPING BROOK COUNTRY CLUB</p>

We are working hard to set the stage for another successful Dinner Gift Raffle Event.

We'd like to remind you to keep an eye out for deals on this year's hottest top buys.

Please consider a donation to the school's largest fundraising event or donating together with a few friends for the night's exciting raffle prizes.

Need ideas? Ask about our "Wish List" which will be going out in time for Black Friday and Cyber Monday. We will also be on hand to discuss soliciting in your area, gift certificates, or products.

Want to Advertise? Solicitation and Ad Journal forms will be available at the PSFA Meeting on Thursday, November 1 st .

Thank you for your support!

The Dinner Gift Raffle Event Team, chsgr1740@gmail.com



Advertise Your Business in The Beast

FULL-COLOR PRINTED AD SPACE AVAILABLE FOR THE YEARBOOK!

THE BEAST WOULD LOVE TO HIGHLIGHT YOU!

Looking to advertise your business or service?

The Beast would love to highlight you!

The 2019 CHS yearbook, The Beast is offering Business Ad space in the back section of the yearbook. Similar to Parent Ads where you can congratulate your student for all the awesome things they've done, with a business ad you can promote your service or product to the families of CHS. We offer four different business ad sizes to fit your needs. All ads are full color and printed by Jostens.

Reach out to Amanda FitzPatrick, The Beast Adviser to start to build your ad space today!
afitzpatrick@ctemc.org

Business Ad Space	
Ad Size	Cost
Full Page	\$225.00
½ Page	\$120.00
¼ Page	\$60.00
¼ Page (Business Card size)	\$30.00



Hybrid SAT/ACT Practice Exam

At Communications High School

Ready to get serious about college admissions?

The first step on the path to applying to college is maximizing your test score. With Catalyst's Hybrid SAT/ACT Practice exam, get experience in a simulated testing environment and stay a step ahead. Here's how it works:

- Take a Hybrid SAT/ACT Practice Exam under realistic testing conditions.
- Receive your detailed score report with the questions that you missed and recommendations on which exam is right for you!
- Gain access to our dedicated testing experts that can help you with setting up a blueprint for success with the SAT and/or ACT exam.

Location

Communications High School

Date & Time

9am - 1pm on Sunday, December 2nd

Tuition

Just \$10 to enroll by Wednesday, November 28th. We unfortunately cannot accommodate walk-in students.

To Enroll

To enroll, visit http://catalystprep.com/practiceexam_su. For more information, email info@CatalystPrep.com or call 800.235.0056.

A Portion Of The Proceeds Benefits The Communications PSFA!

CATALYST

Private Tutoring / Weekend Bootcamps / Small In-Home Classes
800.235.0056 / www.CatalystPrep.com

Show your School Spirit with a
Custom Designed Vineyard Vines Shirt
 a new fundraiser sponsored by the PSFA

CHS is partnering with *Vineyard Vines* to offer a custom designed shirt to show off our school spirit.

Cost: \$42.00 per shirt



This vintage style ***long sleeve navy shirt*** will have Vineyard Vines down one sleeve and Communications down the other sleeve. The perfect holiday gift for your student OR just a great shirt for the whole family!

Please note the following:

We need to have a minimum of 150 to order the shirts. If we don't reach this minimum, we will have to cancel the order and refund your payment.

Also, we have a limited time to sell these amazing shirts to ensure delivery before winter break so please adhere to the deadline dates as noted below.



 Please return the bottom portion of this form to the CHS office NO LATER than Friday, Nov. 2nd

Student's Name: -----

Parent's Email Address: -----

Parent's Phone Number: -----

Please specify the Sizes you would like to order:

Adult XSmall - Quantity: -----

Adult Small - Quantity: -----

Adult Medium - Quantity: -----

Adult Large - Quantity: -----

Adult XLarge - Quantity: -----

Total # of Shirts: _____ x \$42.00 = -----

Questions: Contact chs.psf@gmail.org

Checks payable to: CHS PSFA

Please return order forms to the CHS office.

Thank you!





Save the Date:
2nd Annual Alumni Reunion

DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

TIME: 11:30AM-1:00PM

LOCATION: CHS CAFETERIA

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

If any alumni is willing to help with the planning of this major event please contact Mary Ellen Landolfi at <mailto:maryellen@wordspiralmedia.com>.



Thank you to everyone who donated to and participated in our first Sweets By The Beach Dessert Social. We had a beautiful fall evening where we could sit inside the Taylor Pavilion overlooking the beach in Belmar, hang out on the balcony outside and wander down to the sand and enjoy the lovely evening. The ice cream sundae bar was a huge hit and the tables were overflowing with desserts donated by our families. We are hoping to make this a new fall tradition in addition to moving the bonfire to the spring as an end-of-the-year farewell party.





Congratulations!

WE'RE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR
INCOMING NHS MEMBERS FOR 2019!

INDUCTION CEREMONY: WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 28TH

TIME: 6:30PM

LOCATION: CHS

The Communications High School National Honor Society is 53 new members bigger! The NHS Faculty Council, made up of Ms. Karen Britto, Mr. Scott Stengele, Mrs. Sandra Gidos, Mrs. Sabina Campbell and Mrs. Amanda FitzPatrick, reviewed and voted on each application. Students who were accepted had a 92.00 average or better and accrued at least 100 service hours and at least 50 leadership hours. The Induction Ceremony for our new members will be on Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 pm at CHS. Family and friends are welcome! The following students will be inducted:

- Isabella Antoon
- Lauren Arnao
- Vaughn Battista
- Caelin Burgi
- William Carragher
- Michael Cielecki
- Jordan Durkin
- Sally Ehlers
- Mary Eknoian
- Neil Estrada
- Emma Farkas
- Alexa Feder
- Anabel Ferraro
- Juliana Greenwood
- Heather Griffin
- Alexandra Herrmann
- Jack Hester
- Madeline Holobinko
- Liam Jamolod
- Serena Khan
- Evan Kuo
- Amanda Lavery
- Naomi Littenberg
- Katherine Lombardi
- Alessia Lubrano
- Emily Madeira
- Colin Martin
- Joseph Matthews
- Isabella Matuch
- Jennifer McCue
- John McHugh
- Maeve Miller
- Luca Montana
- Michelle Moroses
- Elena Perez
- Adriana Poznanski
- Grace Quakenbush
- Riley Rademacher
- Tess Rempel
- Rebecca Rippon
- Julia Rocco
- Aidan Rosenberg
- Nicole Sestito
- Greer Shanley
- Ryan Swanson
- Lauren Tarigo
- Dane Tedder
- Abigail Tellechea
- Clare Toman
- Emily Toro
- Ainsley Vetter
- Madison Vigdor
- Jenna Wynd

Congratulations to all our new members!



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE POINT PLEASANT BEACH MAKING STRIDES AGAINST CANCER WALK!



The National Honor Society (NHS) revived an old CHS tradition on Sunday, Oct. 21: participating in the Point Pleasant Beach Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

Senior and NHS President Jules Andersen of Howell suggested holding a walk to benefit breast cancer at a council meeting last June. This year, after getting approval from the SGA, NHS adviser and math teacher Justine Lane told the council that CHS previously participated in the Point Pleasant event, which was a better option than an outdoor lunchtime walk.

“Since coming to CHS, I haven’t been super close to my home high school. One of the things that they always do is celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month during football games,” Andersen said. “This was something that I wanted to be a part of and I thought a good way to bring that to CHS was to hold an event celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the same way football does [at other schools].”

Lane created a team on the Making Strides website and sent the link out to the entire school. NHS also invited family and friends from other schools to join the CHS team and donate.

By Oct. 21, 45 people had signed up to participate in the walk with CHS, including junior Zach Weisenstein of Freehold.

“My favorite part of the event was seeing the amount of people that showed up to support the cause,” Weisenstein said. “It was really cool to see the community come together to help the cause against cancer.”

CHS alumna Amanda Piazza first introduced CHS to the walk. She participated in this year’s event with her own team and met up with Lane afterwards.

Lane introduced Piazza to Andersen, as well as other CHS participants.

“Meeting Amanda was really cool because it showed just how impactful you can be. She was just like the rest of us, she came from the same place and was walking alongside everyone else. She’s done it for years, and it’s really cool to see that she came from my high school,” Andersen said.

CHS raised a total of \$2,201, more than double the initial goal of \$1,000.

Andersen said she hopes the walk will become a tradition once again.

“I didn’t bring up the idea for it to only be this year, this is something that I hope continues for years to come, even after I graduate,” Andersen said. “I hope that some of the juniors and underclassmen who walked with us see how amazing this whole opportunity was and use that to keep it going in the future.”



2018-2019 SGA Update

**SPIRIT WEEK IS HERE!
OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 2**

The SGA has a lot planned for the end of October into November.

Our last info session for prospective students will be held November 14th.

Spirit Week will run from October 29th through November 2nd. With a wide array of themes for students to dress up, daily scavenger hunts, and lunch time events every day for classes to participate, it’s looking like a fun, competitive week is in store for CHS students.



Archery Is Now at CHS!

**CHS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
THAT ARCHERY IS NOW PART OF
THE FITNESS CURRICULUM!**

