

Corvallis High School

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE; PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE

Principal's Message—Greetings, parents!

We're nearly a quarter of the way through the year and we are very pleased with our overall performance—students are working hard and learning in classes that are well-taught. The building has a positive, respectful air that feels both welcoming and safe.

New Staff (cont.)— Maureen Weidenkopf is the lead teacher in our new Life Skills program. Maureen has experience from other buildings in the district and works closely with a great staff of assistants to provide a meaningful learning experience to students with significant disabilities. She brings a peaceful, positive and good-humored approach to each day and with her great outlook our staff has warmly and enthusiastically embraced the program and students.

Dan Kammerzelt is a new full-time Language Arts teacher. A graduate of OSU, Dan is from Eugene and Marist High School. He teaches Intro to Literature; Speech; and the Language Arts half of the Global Humanities class (teaming with Rich Larrowe, Social Studies.)

Literacy and Extended Applications— Our district and CHS have set Literacy and "Extended Applications" as areas of extra focus for this year. Both areas are aimed at impacting overall learning for all students. CHS has had training on improving reading literacy and writing performance. We have designed specific classes and curriculum around improving those areas for students who are below level. At the same time we are also focusing attention on improving writing and reading of students headed for college, focusing on strong writing experiences from the 9th grade on.

"Extended Application" is the name given by the state of Oregon for a new graduation requirement for students graduating in 2007 and after. It is work that many teachers and programs already do on a regular basis, the state simply has raised it to a requirement that must be documented by each district. Simply described—it is asking students to take either a career interest or significant personal interest and "extend" the classroom work they do to explore and learn about that interest, then reflect on what they've learned. We are building in opportunities for students to meet the requirement in several core classes, while at the same time continuing to urge students to do this kind of "extended" learning across the day.

Construction update— Parking lot—curbs are in and if rain will stay away, we might get asphalt down by the end of October. No promises can be made, but the chances of parking improving are looking better and better. **Playing field**—the surface is installed and testing for 'safe-impact falls' is being done. Good chance we can practice football and soccer beginning 10/24, and play games in November. **Theater**—looking for completion and occupancy in November. **Tech North**—looking for completion and occupancy for woods, ceramics classes by November 10. **Tech South**—completion and occupancy after winter break.

New Graduation Requirements (Class of '07)— The state is asking that local districts check or certify that all graduates beginning with the class of '07 have: 1) Personal educational plans; 2) Career Related Learning (CRLS); 3) Career Related Experience (CRLEs); and 4) Personal or Career Extended Application of classroom learning. The requirements are putting into writing what most people believe should be done during the high school years to prepare students for next steps—careers and more education. CHS and CVHS are jointly preparing an overall approach to providing and documenting these experiences.

Facilities proposals— The district school board, working with administration, staff and community members, is analyzing the usage of our buildings district-wide with the goal of looking for ways to better, more efficiently use the buildings and thereby save dollars that could be used in the classroom. They have developed, after a great deal of input from the community, a number of scenarios of possible adjustments to building use and they need your reactions and input. Please take advantage of this opportunity to become informed about the way we are using our buildings and let board members know your suggestions and opinions by attending the community-wide forums. The schedule for those forums is posted on the district website and is also announced in the GT.

Thank you—Each day we are reminded how great a community this is for schools—students come prepared to jump in and learn with the support and encouragement of their families; parents and community members step forward with financial support and hours of work to help us deliver a very strong high school program; strong teachers and staff provide a safe and challenging learning opportunity for the full range of students. *Thank you, thank you, thank you.*

Keep your calls and notes coming, please. With thanks and gratefulness,

—Jay Conroy, Principal

November 2005



Dates to Remember

Nov 4	Dance
Nov 9	Band Concert - 7 pm
Nov 10	Parent Connection - noon
Nov 11	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
Nov 14	NO SCHOOL
Nov 16	Sports Recognition
Nov 17	Progress Reports handed out
Nov 17-19	Theater Arts Production
Nov 18	Pass/NoPass deadline
Nov 22	NHS Induction 7 pm
Nov 24	NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving
Nov 25	NO SCHOOL



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Senior All Night Party

TICKETS for the Senior All Night Party are available from Cindy Gullede at CHS for \$20. The party will be held after graduation on June 12th at Dixon Recreation Center at OSU. Scholarships are available, inquire in the Counseling Office. For information or questions, contact Chris Fagin at 752-6841.

Donations

Tax deductible donations to the CV/CHS Senior All Night Party can be made to the Corvallis School Foundation. Just make sure you put a note on the check stating that the donation is to go to the CV/CHS Senior All Night Party.

Memory Collages

Memory Collages will be displayed at the party and saved for the 10 year reunion. Parents...it is not too early to start collecting the pictures you will want to use. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters. Questions: Call Shoshannah Freilich at 745-5414



CHS Performing Arts

The CHS performing arts facility will be hosting its first event on November 17, 18, and 19th at 8:00 PM. It is going to be the fall theater production, *A Servant of Two Masters* – and the kick-off event for the brand new space!! Hooray! There will also be special preview performance on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:30 for press and invited guests. Tickets will be available at the door. (\$8 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens)

We are officially proclaiming Friday, Nov. 17th to be Corvallis School District Night! It's the opening event, the opening performance, and the start of wonderful things in the new building for theater, music, concerts, and general arts celebrations.

A Servant of Two Masters is a Commedia Dell'Arte theater piece. It uses classical comedy, mistaken identity, slapstick movement, and improvisational techniques to build toward a show that is...well...ridiculous. It will be a rollicking kick-off event! We encourage all folks to show up and support the CHS Theater Department, and the local arts, as well as take a look at the gorgeous new state-of-the-art facility.

—Erin Walcon, CHS Theater Director

Don't just study a foreign language, LIVE IT!

Practice your Spanish in Spain or Costa Rica this coming summer. Live with a host family, take Spanish classes, and participate in cultural activities and excursions.

Depending on student interest, a student trip to either Costa Rica or Spain can happen this summer. In Spain you will stay in San Sebastian, the cultural capital. This town offers everything ... marvelous scenery, beaches, mountains, folklore and more. Attend morning Spanish classes with other teens from all over the world. Spend the afternoons and weekends exploring nearby villages, boating around the bay or learning to Salsa!

In Costa Rica, you will stay in a small town outside of San Jose. Begin your day with a tour of a local town, a trip to a waterfall or a lesson in Costa Rican cooking, and then spend your afternoons attending Spanish classes. Weekends are reserved for spectacular trips to the Arenal Volcano, the rain forest and the beaches of Manuel Antonio on the Pacific.

Don't just study a foreign language, live it! If you are interested in either of the programs listed above, please contact Spanish teachers Teddi Crotti or Jane Kiekel for more information, or email Molly Van Oostrom at [International Summerstays: molly@summerstays.org](mailto:International Summerstays@molly@summerstays.org)



Corvallis Youth Symphony

CYS (Corvallis Youth Symphony) will once again collaborate with Pink Martini for a fabulous concert. The date of the concert is February 4, 2006. It will be at LaSells Stewart Center. Tickets go on sale Monday, October 31, 2005. Ticket prices are \$20, \$30, \$40. you may purchase tickets at www.cysassoc.org. Plan to buy tickets early as the last concert was sold out early!

"New" CHS Dedication Saturday, December 3

Due to construction delays, we have postponed the formal Dedication and Open House celebration in November to Saturday, December 3. The school will be open from 2:00 to 4:00 PM with full tours of the entire building (including the new theater) a ribbon-cutting and light snacks. Come join the community for a memorable celebration of our beautiful new building.

Library Volunteers Needed

The library books are now on the shelves and we need volunteer help. If you could help in the library about two hours once a week, please call the library at 757-5900.



Progress Reports

The nine week grading period ends November 10. First quarter progress reports will be sent home by hand with each student November 17. Students will receive their reports from their 4th period teacher.

Pass/No Pass Deadline

The deadline to request a Pass/No Pass for a class is November 18. You can obtain a request form from the counseling center.

BEYOND CHS - Life after High School

OHSU's Dental Exploring Program

Students interested in a career in dentistry should see Nancy Shaffer for an application to Oregon Health Science's dental exploring program. You can also access this information at www.ohsu.edu/sod/admissions/exploration.html. The first meeting will be at the School of Dentistry on Wednesday evening, November 9 from 7-9:00 p.m.

OIT - Tech Trek - 11/4/05 & 11/8

This Fall, Tech Trek is a great way to get a feel for what Oregon Tech is all about. At Tech Trek, you will have the opportunity to meet with professors from our academic programs, attend classes, take a tour, see the Residence Hall, talk with other current and prospective students and find out how a future at Oregon Tech might fit into your plans.

Tech Trek includes a complimentary continental breakfast and the first 50 guests to register will receive an Oregon Tech Sportpack. Lunch will be offered at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Family members are welcome to attend as guests. (Please limit to 2 additional guests.) Visit the website to register and find information on the event, directions, and accommodations: www.oit.edu/adms/9. If you have any questions feel free to call toll-free 1-800-422-2017, or dial our Admissions Office direct at 541-885-1150.

University of Oregon - UO Connections - 11/3/05

UO Connections is a series of half-day visitation programs designed for first-generation, minority, and economically disadvantaged high school students. UO provides nine Connections dates in order to keep groups small and the overall experience more intimate and meaningful for our guests. Each program serves up to 80 students and lasts about 5 hours (9:45 AM to 2:30 PM). During their visit, students take a campus tour, enjoy lunch on the university, attend a panel discussion run by current students, and spend time with UO student leaders, scholarship recipients, and members of UO's various ethnic student unions. For more information visit the UO Connections website: admissions.uoregon.edu/visit/connections.htm

Eastern Oregon University - EOU Preview - 1/11/05

At Eastern Oregon University we believe a campus visit is the single most important factor in the college selection process. Campus visits allow you to make sure that the University is a good fit for your academic and social needs EOU Preview! is designed to give you valuable insight into the many amazing opportunities available at Eastern. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to spend a fun and informative day on campus! For more information on the EOU Preview and individual campus visits: Phone: 541-962-3393, Email: admissions@eou.edu, Web: www.eou.edu/admit/visitus.htm

Western Oregon University Fall Preview Day II - 11/19/05

When you come to a Western Oregon University Preview Day, you learn about our quality academic programs, meet our outstanding professors and see what opportunities are available to you on our beautiful campus. WOU Preview Days are designed to

acquaint you with our campus and understand why WOU is where you want to be! To RSVP and to join us, you can: submit an online registration form (www.wou.edu/events/preview_days/register.html), download an acrobat brochure and registration form to print and mail, call us at 877-877-1593 (ext. 1) or 503-838-8211 (V/TTY). 877-877-1593 (ext. 1) or 503-838-8211 (V/TTY). Registration closes at 5 p.m. on the Friday one week prior to each Preview Day.

College Visits

Univ. of Portland - Nov. 1 • 1:35 p.m.

Univ. of Puget Sound - Nov. 2 • 9:30 a.m.

Reed College - Nov. 3 • 11:15 a.m.

Harvey Mudd College - Nov. 4 • 9:30 a.m.

Franklin College - Nov. 4 • 11:15 a.m.

Pacific Luthern - Nov. 10 • 9:30 a.m.

Willamette Univ. - Nov. 21 • 1:35 p.m.

This is not a complete list as colleges are calling us everyday so your student should check the calendar and sign up book in Beyond CHS.

Attention Parents of 9-11th Graders

Below is a list of new graduation requirements for our 9th - 11th graders. They have been modified in order to more fully prepare each student for successful transitions to his or her next steps. (Next Steps could be any of the following: postsecondary education & training, workforce entry, apprenticeship, military)

New graduation requirements emphasize:

Personalized learning
Planning for next steps after high school
High academic expectations
Learning beyond the classroom
Relevant & focused learning
Connections to the adult world

Diploma Requirements:

Credit requirements - at least 44 credits (applies to current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors) *to be increased to 48 credits after June 30, 2009.*

Language Arts - at least 6 credits (8 credits for the class of 2009)*

Mathematics - at least 4 credits (6 credits for the class of 2009)*

Science - at least 4 credits

Social Sciences - at least 6 credits

Applied Arts, Fine Arts, or Second

Language - at least 2 credits (any one area or in combination)

Physical Education - at least 2 credits

Health Education - at least 2 credit

Elective credits to meet local district requirements

All students grades 9-11 must:

Develop an education plan and build an education profile

Demonstrate extended application through a collection of evidence**?

Demonstrate career-related knowledge and skills: personal management, teamwork, communication, problem solving, employment foundations, career development**

Participate in career related learning experiences as outlined in the education plan

Magazines Needed

The library needs some high interest magazines for students such as Sports Illustrated, Seventeen, People, car magazines, etc. Any within the last year would be great.

Spartan Winter Sports

CHS Winter sports practice season begins Monday, November 7th. If you are interested in participating in a winter sport, but have not been cleared, please stop by the Athletic Office. Fees are \$150, excepting ski team. If you have questions regarding Ski Team, please call Tom Birdseye at 752-9837.

For those new to Spartan sports, Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys' and Girls' Basketball games are played in the CHS lower gym, Freshman Basketball games are played in the upper gym. Cost of admissions to games, including Wrestling matches, is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students under high school age. No charge for league swimming meets.



WINTER SPORTS

COACH

- Boys Basketball Greg Garrison
- Girls Basketball Scott Lasswell
- Wrestling Ron Sather
- B/G Swimming Judy Storie
- B/G Skiing Andy & Katie Laird

Winter Sports Pictures

Winter sports pictures will be taken during practice Wednesday, November 16. Hise Studio will be taking team and individual photos. Athletes do not need to bring money for their professional order. Proofs will be mailed to each athlete at their home and orders can be made after seeing the pictures. Anyone wanting to order Booster Buttons needs to fill out the half sheet and pay November 16 during the time of the pictures. Checks can be made out to CHS Booster Club. The cost of each button is \$3.00. This is a great way to support Booster Club and your athlete in this (fun)raiser. Please have order forms filled out before picture day. Coaches will be giving order forms to athletes during the week before pictures.

Sports Volunteers

Successful activities take a lot of support and volunteer time. In the past, CHS has been fortunate to have terrific support for its sports programs. Help doing things like taking money, filming games, providing transportation if needed, are very important to the success of each program. Helping out can be fun, and is always appreciated. Please say yes when asked to help. We start out needing team parents for each level of every sport, then those parents will ask others to help out where needed. If you are interested in being a team parent, please let your coach know at the beginning of the season.

Boys and Girls Clubhouse Programs Available to all MEMBERS grades K-12

The Clubhouse After-School Program • 2:45 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Monday–Friday.

Fee: \$25. The Club's membership year runs from September 1 – August 31

The Clubhouse Non-School Days • 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. • Fee: \$15 per day. \$5 early bird discount. Current membership is required. Registration forms for October 14, 26 -28 and November 11 will be available mid September

Teen Night • Teen Night, at the Boys and Girls Club, is open for all youth, grades 6-12. Teen Night runs every Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. through the school year. The cost is only \$2 and a Student ID is required. Teens can choose from table tennis, basketball, volleyball, foosball, billiards AND FREE pizza!! **B&G Club office hours are Monday – Friday 9 am – 5:30 pm • Phone: 541-757-1909.**

2005-06 Yearbook Fees

- August through December 16 \$40
- January 3- March 24th \$45
- After spring break until distribution. . \$50
- At the yearbook signing party \$55

Yearbooks are limited, buy early and guarantee that you will get one. Please save yourself and the yearbook staff money and order early!

Dances/Social Events

The rules of good conduct and grooming shall be observed for school dances and social events. All students and guests must have photo identification and show it at the door. Student body cards are preferred. Additional charges may be added for students without student body cards. No guests in middle school or age 19 or over are allowed. All guests must be registered in the main office by the host student by the established deadline. The person inviting the guest will share responsibility for the conduct of the guests. Anyone leaving before the official end of the activity will not be readmitted. Breathalyzers may be used for students suspected of alcohol use.



Guidelines for Student Visitors

- Visitation is not allowed if the guest student lives within 60 miles of Corvallis (Valley League principal's agreement).
- The guest must be of high school age and a "student in good standing" at their school.
- A "Visitor's Request Form" must be completed by the host student at least 24 hours prior to the visit (available in the main office).
- Any violation of school guidelines during the visit may result in both students being sent home.

Flash Alert

The Corvallis School District uses an Internet-based system for delivering changes in schedule, such as snow closures, to the news media.

This year, message delivery is being extended directly to the public through a system called FlashAlert. You are now able to self-register and manage up to five home or office email and/or cell phone text message addresses and receive emergency information just minutes after we post it, at no cost to you.

To register, go to FlashAlert.net and in the left frame, select "Subscribe to receive news from participating organizations." Enter your primary email address twice. On the next screen, under "Add an Organization," choose the [Region Name] region, then [Category Name], then [Organization Name]. Click on "Subscribe."

Below that, you can enter up to four more addresses. When you are done, click "Update Email Addresses and Send Test Messages." A verification message will be sent to each of your listed addresses.

Please be aware that with the proliferation of spam and the resulting spam filters, it is impossible to completely guarantee message delivery, since different filters block different messages. After adding or changing email addresses, have test messages sent to verify they will pass through your mail server's filters.

All addresses registered on FlashAlert will remain confidential and shall not be released to any person or organization.

Once a year, you will receive an email at your primary address asking if you wish to continue your subscription.



Flash Alert - Spanish translation

El Distrito Escolar de Corvallis utiliza un sistema basado en el Internet para comunicar a las agencias de prensa cuando hay cambios en los horarios de escuela, como cierres debidos a nevazones.

Este año, los mismos mensajes pueden ser recibidos directamente por el público mediante un sistema llamado "FlashAlert". Ahora ustedes pueden registrar en el sistema la dirección de correo electrónico de su casa, oficina o texto de teléfono celular (hasta cinco direcciones por persona) y recibir información de emergencia dentro de pocos minutos de ser entregada, sin costo alguno.

Para registrarse, vaya a FlashAlert.net y en el cuadro de la izquierda seleccione "Subscribe to receive news from participating organizations." (Que significa "suscribirse para recibir información de las organizaciones que participan") Anote dos veces su dirección primaria de correo electrónico. En la página siguiente, bajo "Add an Organization" (añada una organización), escoja una región [Region Name], luego una categoría [Category Name], y finalmente una organización [Organization Name]. Haga click en "Subscribe."

Mas abajo, usted puede anotar hasta cuatro direcciones más. Cuando termine de anotar estas direcciones, haga click en "Update Email Addresses and Send Test Messages." Usted recibirá un mensaje verificando su registro en cada una de las direcciones que anotó.

Siempre existe la posibilidad de que su computador bloquee el mensaje, dependiendo de cual filtro tenga para impedir mensajes dañinos, por lo tanto es necesario que usted pida y reciba mensajes de prueba cada vez que cambie o añada una dirección de correo electrónico.

Todas las direcciones registradas en FlashAlert se mantienen confidenciales y no serán reveladas a ninguna persona u organización.

Una vez al año, usted recibirá un email en su dirección primaria preguntándole si desea continuar su suscripción.

Parent Connection Dates	
Meetings held in Beyond CHS	
November 10.....	noon
December 8.....	noon
January 12.....	noon
February 15.....	7:00pm
March 9.....	noon
April 13.....	noon
May 18.....	noon

Community Meeting Update

On Thursday the 13th of October CHS held an informational community meeting for our friends and neighbors. It was a positive meeting where information was shared about timelines for school completion. It was also a time for us to hear our neighbors inform us about their perspectives. Those present expressed some concerns about traffic, parking, and litter in the area around the school. As a result of their concern we are requesting that parents and students who drive to school be aware that Fridays are trash pick up days. Please remind students not to move trash cans in order to park as the trash will not be collected. Parents are asked please not to block driveways as they wait for or drop off students. The concern for litter revolves around students dropping paper and plastic as they move through the community- either to Fred Meyer for food or to and from their cars at lunch. Leadership students have been picking up trash regularly, but if students dropped less of it that would be a better solution. Your help in making CHS the best neighbor it can be is greatly appreciated by our entire community.



Benton County Parent Support Group

Are you the parent / caregiver / family member of a child with emotional or behavioral struggles? Do you need someone to talk to? Please come and join other Benton County families who share your experiences. Fun activities for kids of all ages • Food is provided.

When: Last Wednesday of Every Month starting September 28th


Time: 5:30—7:30 pm.

Where: TBD • Call Brandy Steiner for location info: (541) 766-6340

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November 2005

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 EVEN	2 ODD	3 EVEN	4 ALL Dance - CHS
7 ODD Winter Sports Begin	8 EVEN	9 ODD Site Council 3:20 pm Band Concert 7:00 pm	10 EVEN Parent Connection noon-BCHS	11 Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL
14 Teacher Prep NO SCHOOL	15 EVEN	16 ODD Fall Sports Recognition Large Gym	17 EVEN CHS Play Performance	18 ODD CHS Play Performance
21 ODD	22 EVEN NHS Induction 7:00 pm Auditorium	23 ALL	24 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL	25 Holiday NO SCHOOL
28 ODD	29 EVEN	30 ODD	