

# Corvallis High School

*A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE; PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE*

*Greetings Parents ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ from Jay Conroy, Principal*

**Great start** and *“thank you”*- Our year has gotten off to a great start—students are amazingly positive and hardworking in classes and activities. We heard from new teachers and administrators who remarked at how smooth and on-task our classes were going from the very first day. Credit our students and you, their parents, for having a great attitude and work ethic. Also, thanks to the large outpouring of volunteer time. We have over 25 volunteers who have stepped forward to do two hour shifts in our front office and library, helping to offset the cutbacks in staffing we’ve experienced. They are truly impressive in how quickly they have taken to their roles and how much work they are accomplishing for all of us.

**New Assistant Principal**—Shortly after we sent our 1st newsletter, we were especially pleased to hire our second new assistant principal. **Rynda Gregory** brings private sector management background (American Red Cross and Recreation Management) and six years of work as an English Language Learner teacher in California and Corvallis (CV and Hoover). More importantly, she brings a great passion for helping all students learn and supporting teachers and staff to make that happen. Say “hi” to her on your next visit.

**Class size**—we actually have over 1,350 students at CHS, roughly 30 more than anticipated. The district was able to shift .5 FTE in resources to our building and we also shifted staff from alternative education assignments to classes where enrollment had exceeded expectations. Several classes were actually reassigned and we greatly appreciate the cooperation and positive attitude of those students who were shifted. The pay-off was that class sizes in those sections were dramatically reduced, leading to a much better education experience. We will be using part of the additional resources to shift classes in the second semester, as well. All of that being said, average class-sizes are still about 32/class.

**Local option levy**—this is the perfect time to remind you all to become informed about the district’s Local Option Levy to be voted on in November’s election. Please take time to analyze the materials and talk with your neighbors, urging them to get out and vote. It has a tremendous potential impact on our students.

**Need for financial help this year**—Please be clear that even when the Local Option Levy passes (being positive in our thinking), our schools will not see the money in their budgets until next school year. The severe budget shortfall we have at this time is placing a major crunch on our supplies, books and copying budgets. We have asked teachers to let you know about specific wish lists they may have for their classrooms. We truly appreciate your tax deductible donation to the Corvallis Schools Foundation (you can specify an area or item to receive the money, or you can let us do the allocations as we see the most pressing need.) Thanks to those who have already stepped up to buy AP Chemistry texts and other supplies and equipment for other classes.

**Conferences**—Note that parent-teacher conferences are coming later this month. Please take advantage of the opportunity to get to know your student’s performance.

**Quality school**—Finally, we receive on a weekly basis, confirmation of what a great school we have. A visiting athletic director—*“I’m so impressed. It’s clear that kids and staff are respectfully, positive and hardworking.”* A college recruiter—*“I truly enjoy coming to CHS—the quality of education and the quality of student are simply hard to beat.”*

**SAT test performance** by college-bound juniors and seniors— CHS has shown substantial improvement in SAT scores over the last 10 years, at a time when state and national averages have remained about the same or gone down.

**State and regional leaders**—CHS is defying the trends where schools are cutting back on course offerings, especially in the arts and in the professional-technical fields. Students with varied interests can truly find a niche, a place to excel, and take a look at possible pathways to careers and personal interests.

**Thank you to teachers and staff** for supporting this great school. And, most importantly, **thanks to parents** for sending us your great kids and for standing up for quality education opportunities for all.

**Let us know**—cards, letters, emails, calls are always welcomed—if you have comments, questions or concerns.

October 2006



## Dates to Remember

- Oct 6 Homecoming **DANCE**-9 pm
- Oct 11 Picture Retakes - 7:45-10 am
- Oct 13 **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct 19 Parent Connection 7 pm
- Oct 21 PSAT exam
- Oct 23 OUS Visit - Special Schedule
- Oct 25 Conferences - 5-8 p.m.
- Oct 26 **NO SCHOOL** - Conferences
- Oct 27 **NO SCHOOL**



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**It's time to get started on the 2007 Senior All Night Party!** Our first meeting is MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 in the CV Library at 7 pm. We need to decide on a theme --It's VERY important that we have representation from Decorations, Publicity and Graphics for this important decision, so if you are in those groups, please try to be at the meeting!



The SANP is broken into four core groups, each with an Executive Chair. They are: **Activities/Decorations** - Ellen Derocher (CV), **Operations** - Julie Gardner (CV), **Funding** - Linda Amedo (CHS), **Publications** - Jackie Hastings (CHS)

I'm hopeful that throughout the year the four executive chairs can meet up to coordinate our areas, then meet individually with our own groups, then the individual chairs can meet with the people they are working with. If we can keep this communication system working, we can avoid having everyone attend meetings that cover topics not relevant to what they are doing. We are currently booked in the CV library the first Monday of every month at 7 pm (except January it's the second Monday). We'll adjust who should attend as we go along, but please keep that date open as we move forward.

Thanks to EVERYONE for volunteering. This is going to be a lot of work, a lot of fun, and a great event for our kids!

### Parent Conferences

Please join us Wednesday evening, October 25, and Thursday, October 26 when parents and guardians have the opportunity to conference with teachers in their classrooms for scheduled appointments and drop in conferences. All conferences will be held in teachers' rooms.

Parents may begin calling the main office 757-5871 on Monday, Oct 16 to schedule appointments. Check our school website [www.corvallis.k12.or.us/chs](http://www.corvallis.k12.or.us/chs) for part-time teacher and coach availability.

**Scheduled conferences will be in teacher classrooms. Drop in conferences will be in the cafeteria commons area.**

<b>Wednesday, Oct. 25</b>	5:00 pm-6:45pm • Scheduled conferences in classrooms 7:00 pm-8:00 pm • Scheduled conferences in classrooms
<b>Thursday, Oct. 26</b>	12:00 pm-2:30 pm • Drop-in arena conferences 2:45 pm-4:30 pm • Drop-in arena conferences 5:30 pm-8:00 pm • Scheduled conferences in classrooms
<b>Friday, Oct. 27</b>	NO CONFERENCES

### Corvallis School Levy 02-58 on November 7 Ballot

This fall the Corvallis School District will have a local option levy on the November 7 ballot. The levy would provide about \$3.2 million per year to support Corvallis schools. The levy would pay for up to 39 teaching positions, fund up-to-date books and learning materials, and contribute about \$300,000 a year to support athletics and activities at the high school level. The additional teaching positions would increase PE and music instruction and add reading teachers for elementary students, and at the secondary level would add teachers in core subjects to help decrease class sizes. For more information about the levy, check the district web site at [www.corvallis.k12.or.us](http://www.corvallis.k12.or.us).

### DVD Yearbooks

We are offering a new way to remember your years spent @ CHS; not only is there going to be a yearbook. But, also a new student created DVD Yearbook which has live footage of school sponsored events. These include anything from Spartan athletics to theatre productions, clubs, dances and much, much more. This DVD is student produced (everything from the words "ACTION" to the words "CUT and EDIT.) Everything is student lead and designed by the new Digital Production class.

These DVD Yearbooks are affordable and will cost \$15.00 per DVD. However, if you've purchased a yearbook we'll give you a package deal costing only \$10.00-\$12.00 (the exact price hasn't been determined yet.) The majority of the money collected goes back into the Fine Arts program helping to buy new computer software, cameras and/or supplies needed to create more hands on learning experiences here at CHS. We're working hard to preserve the memories you make during your years of involvement at CHS and giving you a chance to go back to see what you didn't see before!

### School attendance areas/transfers

Student transfer requests for the 2007-08 school year may be submitted for all schools for grades 1-12 beginning on the first day of school in November and must be received by the third Friday in January. These requests will be approved unless the school's enrollment capacity has been met.

Transfer requests for next year's kindergarten programs may be submitted beginning on the first day of school in February and must be received by the second Friday in March. Requests for kindergarten transfers will be approved unless the school's enrollment capacity has been met.

If transfer requests outnumber the space available in a school, a lottery will be held. Applications received after the deadline will be added to a waiting list in the order they are received.

**The last day to drop a class without receiving an "F" is October 13th.**

**You must see your counselor**

### Parent Connection Dates

Meetings will be held in Beyond CHS, room 120

October 19..... 7:00 pm  
 November 16..... noon  
 December 14..... noon  
 January 18 ..... noon  
 February 15 ..... 7:00 pm  
 March 15..... noon  
 April 19 ..... noon  
 May 17..... noon

**Retake Pictures**

Retake pictures will take place Wed., October 11 from 8 to 11 am.

# BEYOND CHS - Life after High School

## PSAT

**The PSAT will be given on October 21.** Currently, we are taking money for the PSAT. Juniors have first priority for taking the exam so if you have a sophomore or even a freshman that you want to have take it, have them get their registration in right away. The cost is \$17 and should be payable to CHS. We ask that you send your student and have them be responsible for ordering this exam.

The exam will be given at Corvallis High School on **October 21** (test is only given once per year). We will admit students at **9AM** (this way they can sleep in a bit and have a good breakfast!). The test will last approximately until **1PM**. Room assignments will be posted on the door the night before.

Remember, even if your student is not in the running for the National Merit these are excellent tests to help your student get ready for the SAT, its relatively cheap and it comes with a pretest and when it is returned comes with a question/answer sheet. I also have fee waivers for anyone that needs one (must be a junior).

**Make sure your student brings their PHOTO ID card, No. 2 pencils, black or blue pen, calculator, bottle of water and a snack to the test!!!!**

## SAT/ACT

Many students are worrying about their SATs especially the seniors. The deadline for the next SAT sign-up is September 29. All seniors should be finished taking their SATs by the November 4 test date. Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) if your student still needs to sign up. Also, [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org) is another test that colleges accept for admission and the deadline for the October 28 test is September 22.

The juniors can start signing up for the SATs now for the spring and that way, they will get to take them at OSU rather than traveling to Salem or Eugene. Depending of where they might like to go to school, I recommend taking the test twice in the spring unless they are only taking math this fall and then they should take it in January and March. The same with ACT - twice is good. Sometimes, we can tell by looking at the PSAT whether or not a student should just skip the SAT and go straight to the ACT. Confused?-- have your student come see us or their counselor.

## Graduation - Diplomas, Caps and Gowns

This is the start of a busy year for seniors! Please note that on November 16th, in advisor, the Jostens graduation packets will be handed out to students. These packets include order forms for cap, gown and tassel units as well as announcements and other things for graduation. The order forms will be collected on Nov. 21st. Also, your students will have an opportunity to check their names for spelling errors or omissions on the Nov. 16th date, so you may want to have a conversation about how you wish your students name to appear on their diploma.

There has been some conversation about the graduation gowns being white for the girls and Columbia blue for the boys this year. If you have strong feeling about this, please call Cindy Gullledge at 757-5910. If Jostens is able to provide new colors this year, (it may be too late), the Seniors will vote on the idea in the near future.

## HELP!

Nancy Shaffer has two students who need a ride for the SAT on October 14 to South Albany High if anyone is taking it there, could you please contact her at [Nancy.Shaffer@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:Nancy.Shaffer@corvallis.k12.or.us)

The Bill Fogarty family who has a student here at CHS is asking for some caregiver help. Bill has been diagnosed with terminal illness. If you are able to offer assistance please call Janet Sitarz at 929-3083.

## 2006 Peace Slam

2006 Peace Slam NW is scheduled for November 18th. 2007 Peace Jam is April 21 and 22nd. Email [PeaceJam@oregonstate.edu](mailto:PeaceJam@oregonstate.edu) for info! Check out [www.peacejam.org](http://www.peacejam.org) or [www.oregonstate.edu/peacejam](http://www.oregonstate.edu/peacejam) for more information. The goal of PeaceJam is to inspire a new generation of peacemakers who will transform their local communities, schools, themselves and the world. For ages 13-18.

## Beyond CHS

Beyond CHS is open and ready for students with many great volunteers. We are working our way through seniors but everyone is always welcome including parents. Below is the current list of college visits. Students should check with us as we are adding more schools weekly. If a student is interested in these visits, there is a sign-up book upon entering Beyond CHS.

- Oct. 5 Lewis & Clark..... 11:15
- Oct. 5 George Fox..... 1:35
- Oct. 6 Seattle Univ..... 11:15
- Oct. 12 Qwest Univ. (new first secular university in Canada)..... 11:15
- Oct. 16 Grinnell College..... 11:15
- Oct. 18 Azuza Pacific..... 1:35
- Oct. 19 Linfield..... 11:15
- Oct. 19 Oberlin ..... 11:15  
(yes, we have two at the same time)
- Oct. 23 Oregon University System and LBCC and Chemeketa - all juniors and seniors will attend, part of career credit
- Oct. 24 Eastern Mennonite ..... 11:15
- Oct. 25 MacAlester ..... 9:30
- Oct. 31 Hampshire ..... 9:30
- Nov. 2 Middlebury ..... 9:30
- Nov. 2 Harvey Mudd ..... 12:50
- Nov. 7 Seattle Pacific ..... 1:35
- Nov. 7 Univ. of Idaho..... 9:30
- Nov. 9 Colorado State ..... 11:15
- Nov. 9 U. of S. California (USC)... 9:30
- Nov. 9 Franklin College (located in Switzerland - accredited) ..... 11:15
- Nov. 9 Claremont-McKenna..... 1:35
- Nov. 17 Willamette ..... 1:35

The **University of Pennsylvania** will visit for an evening presentation (Introduction to Penn) on October 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Governor Hotel in Portland. For more information call 215 898-7507.

## 2006-07 Yearbook Fees

August through December 15 . . . . . \$45  
 January 8- March 23. . . . . \$50  
 After spring break until distribution. . \$55  
 At the yearbook signing party . . . . . \$60

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

## Boys and Girls Clubhouse Programs

(Open to all MEMBERS, grades K – 12)

### The Clubhouse After-School Program

2:45 pm to 7:00 pm Monday – Friday. Fee: \$25 • The Club's membership year runs from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31

### The Clubhouse Non-School Days

9:00 am to 6:00 pm. • Fee: \$25 per day • \$10 early bird discount • Current membership is required • Registration forms for Sept. 29, Oct. 13, 25 -27 and Nov. 10 will be available early September.

Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5:30 pm • Phone: 541-757-1909



## Tips For a Healthy Back-To-School

1. Eat breakfast every morning.
2. Exercise every morning (walk or bike to school if able to do so safely).
3. Get 8-10 hours of sleep every single night.
4. Eat a balanced diet (more fruits and vegetables / less sugary snacks and drinks).
5. Wash those hands frequently (before meals and after hygiene activities).
6. Get your own drink, food, cosmetics, etc.  
When sharing these things, you share germs too!
7. Consider getting a Flu Shot in October or November.
8. Make sure you are up to date on all immunizations. Speak to your pediatrician about newly available vaccines, including pertussis and meningococcal.

Recent studies indicate the above activities contribute to improved health and/or improved scholastic performance. Here's to a Healthy School Year!

—Cindy Ertle RN, BSN, Certified School Nurse

## Spartan Winter Sports

CHS Winter sports season begins Monday, November 6th. The clearance process for winter season begins on Monday, October 23rd in the athletic office during the regular office hours (7:30-12:15; 1-4:00). If you were cleared for a fall sport this year, no more paperwork is required. You must bring your user fee payment of \$150, and your grade eligibility will be checked. If you did not get cleared for a fall sport this year, please stop by the athletic office for your clearance papers. If you do not have a physical on file from last year, a physical with a doctor will be required.

For those new to Spartan sports, Varsity and Junior Varsity Boy's and Girls' Basketball games, as well as Wrestling 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 \$4 for students under high school age. No charge for league swimming meets.

Winter sports offered are:

- Boys Basketball.....Coach Greg Garrison
- Girls Basketball.....Coach Scott Lasswell
- B/G Swimming.....Coach Judy Storie
- Wrestling.....Coach Ron Sather
- B/G Ski.....Coaches Andy and Katie Laird



## 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.

## Spartan Booster Club News

Spartan Field was the sight of our annual Sports Kick-off BBQ, held on August 30th, which returned after a one year hiatus now that we have a beautiful new facility in which to host it. Over 200 parents, athletes and fans were treated to an evening of good food, messages from coaches and athletes about the upcoming season, and a special thanks to the CHS pep band for providing "spirit" to the event.

We're well into the fall athletic season and to celebrate, the Booster Club will be hosting monthly "Spartan Huddles" at Woodstock's Pizza. October's event will be held on Monday, October 2nd at 7:00. Featured speakers will be Blake Leamy, the boy's new soccer coach; Amy Sanders, volleyball; and Chris McGowan, football. When ordering your meal for this event, be sure to mention that you are there with CHS, as Woodstock's Pizza will donate a portion of the proceeds to the booster club.

Prior to the "huddle" an important business meeting will be held at 5:30, also at Woodstock's Pizza. At this meeting we will be charting our course for the upcoming year. The Spartan Booster Club needs to be the club that plays a role in the success of all of our athletes. In order to accomplish this, a strong emphasis is being placed on full participation of all sports teams throughout the year. We need to hear from fall, winter and spring sports teams, as well as club sports, to know how we can best support and compliment the efforts already being made on behalf of our student athletes.

Last June, the Spartan Booster Club donated \$5,000 to the general fund of the CHS Athletic Department, in order to assist in scholarships for those athletes unable to pay the whole \$150 player fee. This year we would like to be able to help the individual sports teams with their needs, but in order to do so, we need to have one or more parent representatives from those teams. Please consider becoming that parent representative. There is strength in numbers and together we can make a difference in each athlete's life.



## Earn \$ for CHS and CV at Borders

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28-29, Borders is offering a 10% discount for books to the purchaser. In addition, they will give another 10% to the schools for library materials. The barcode is needed in order to receive the discount. *Just in time for holiday shopping.*

**One coupon per customer, per day.** Void where prohibited by law. Any other use constitutes fraud. Cash value .01¢. Not redeemable for cash. Valid only in the Corvallis, OR Borders store#453.

Barcode# 366012040000000000



## Wanted: Hungry Researchers • Oct 18 • 7-8:30 pm

You are invited to a Special Evening of "Databases & Dessert" at the Corvallis Public Library in the main meeting room. Participants will learn about the subscription databases available from the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. This program is of special interest to school media specialists, teachers, students, and parents. Most of these research tools are available from your home or school computers.

*Join us for a sweetly satisfying program that will make your online research dreams a reality!*



Congratulations to the French students of the month for September: Cassandra Campbell, Emily Robinson, Kathleen Kruzich, Anna Haymond, Katelyn VanderMars, and Alice Anderson. All these students had over 100%!

### 4-H Clothing and Foods Club

The Spartan 4-H Clothing and Foods Club will be meeting October 2 and 16 from 3:25 to 5:15 in H2. Any students who are interested in joining the club are welcome.

## Attendance

CHS needs your help in reporting absences. If your child has been or will be absent, please call the CHS Attendance Office at 757-5888 as soon as possible. If you do not call, the computer will record your child's absence as unexcused. After 48 hours, absences cannot be excused. Notes are not accepted in place of a phone call.

Absences may be excused at the request of a student's parent/guardian because of illness, disability, illness in the immediate family requiring the student's presence, a family emergency, religious reasons or anything the school deems appropriate (up to 5 pre-arranged absences per semester). Students who are eighteen years old may request their own absences be excused.

Encourage your child to attend all classes; but if a class is missed, clear excused absences in a timely fashion by calling to give the exact date of absence, clock or period of absence and please spell the student's last name clearly.

Do you still get a phone call from the "Automated" call system? - even AFTER you have called the Attendance line to excuse your student? Please be aware that when you have called to excuse your student from being absent for a certain period class, your student still may have missed another class the same day, in which the Automated phone system will dial out for the class that is left unexcused.

## Attendance Information

Please make arrangements with your student(s) prior to school hours about doctor and orthodontic appointments, as well as any other medical or non-medical appointments. Unless there is an emergency - all notes will be posted on student lockers as we try to avoid "reminder" notes to students. It disrupts class time.

An "Attendance Record" is posted outside of the Attendance Office. This record shows the student's attendance for the previous day and current day. If you receive an "Automated" telephone call stating that your student has missed one or more classes, please have your student check the attendance record to see which teacher marked them absent. If this was an error the student and teacher can resolve it. I look forward to another great year! Thank you for your cooperation.

## Wish List

### For the OFFICE staff:

- Additional funds to help with printing/copying charges
- Printer cartridges (HP black and colored ink jet cartridges for 15, 25, 26, 41, 45)
- Additional funds to help pay for: parking permits, school supplies, Yearbooks, etc.
- A rolling cart for the office
- A whiteboard on a stand
- 8 ½ by 11 white photocopy paper

### For the LRC staff:

- \$ Money for copying costs \$ • Computer printer paper
- Simple calculators
- Tissues
- Sets of white board markers for four teachers
- 3 boxes legal size envelopes
- Colored file folders
- From the educational store next to Rice's: 4 – Big Time Learning Clocks

### For Basic Shop, Beg. and Adv. Woods, Auto and Metals, Vehicle Design and Material Science Tech. classes (contact - Andy, collins@corvallis.k12.or.us):

- Start up money to help develop Industrial Plastics activities
- Furniture grade lumber: Pine, oak, walnut, maple etc.
- Metric Tap and Die Set with case - \$50.00
- New Table Saw Guard - \$400.00
- Stain Glass Scraps
- Stain Glass Tools
- Glass Grinder - \$85
- 25 Dust Masks, Disposable - .50 each
- Centrifugal Caster for metal casting - \$580.00



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>2</b> <b>ODD</b> Schedule Conferences 4-H Clothing and Food Club 3:25-5:15, H2	<b>3</b> <b>EVEN</b>	<b>4</b> <b>ODD</b>	<b>5</b> <b>EVEN</b>	<b>6</b> <b>ALL</b>  <b>HOMECOMING</b> Dance - 9 pm
<b>← SPIRIT WEEK →</b>				
<b>9</b> <b>ODD</b>	<b>10</b> <b>EVEN</b>	<b>11</b> <b>ODD</b> Site Council Mtg. 3:20 pm  Picture Retakes 7:45 am-10 am	<b>12</b> <b>EVEN</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>16</b> <b>ODD</b>  4-H Clothing and Food Club 3:25-5:15, H2	<b>17</b> <b>EVEN</b>	<b>18</b> <b>ODD</b>  Choir Concert 7:30 pm in auditorium	<b>19</b> <b>EVEN</b>  Parent Connection 7 pm	<b>20</b> <b>ALL</b>
<b>23</b> <b>ODD</b>  OUS visit Special Schedule	<b>24</b> <b>EVEN</b>	<b>25</b> <b>ALL</b>  Conferences 5 - 8 pm	<b>26</b>  Conferences - 12 - 8 pm  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>30</b> <b>ODD</b>	<b>31</b> <b>EVEN</b> Halloween			