

# Corvallis High School

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August/September 2006



## Dear Parents,

Greetings and best wishes from CHS. We hope that you're enjoying your summer and that your students are gearing up for the start of a very exciting and productive school year. Our whole staff is truly looking forward to working closely with students and parents to give them a great experience. Below are just a few notes to bring you up to date.

**Building Update- last installment.** As I write this the 2nd and final coat of paint is being applied to our new building. The Tech/Art and FACS (Family and Consumer Studies) buildings were painted earlier. The new softball field area is prepped and ready for installation of a sprinkler system and seeding to likely be ready for spring play. The stadium is nearing final approval and should be ready for the first fall football and soccer workouts. The work to get this beautiful facility on-line has been tremendous and we thank the community and students for their support and efforts at keeping it great shape in the years to come.

**New Staff.** With retirements and moves, we have a number of new staff members, all of whom are exceptional in their abilities and in their enthusiasm to help students.

**Teachers-** Lisa Egan, Amy Knoke and Dena Minato join our Language Arts staff. All have great academic backgrounds in English and Writing. Lisa and Dena are veterans with exceptional experience and recommendations. Amy is a CV grad with a proven record who taught last spring in the building as a student teacher under the guidance of Marianne Wilcox (retiring) with great results.

Josie Parker will teach Chemistry and BPF. She is a chemical engineer graduate of OSU with great abilities and an obvious passion to help all students. She speaks three languages and will be providing strong help with our English Language Learners program to help improve learning of students with English as a second language.

Andy Collins, a veteran in the district, comes to us from Farm Home School (which was taken over by the ESD.) Andy will be teaching Woods and tech exploration classes, along with MST. He will also be teaching the Computer Tech class, working with students on CHS' own computer tech maintenance.

Chris Becerra moves from an ESL position at Linus Pauling to a combo-position at CHS that takes advantage of Chris' multiple talents. He has a strong background in digital technology and social studies. He will be teaching social studies, Yearbook, Newspaper and Digital Productions.

Stacey Hull and Danny Finnen will join our counseling staff as full-time counselors, working with Judy Riggs and Jan Elliott who are moving to part-time for the coming year. Stacey has great experience in counseling having worked in the high school setting in Massachusetts before coming to CHS three years ago where she worked as an Alternative Education teacher. Danny just received his counseling certificate from OSU, but has worked closely with CHS students for a number of years as a school interim counselor, resource assistant and educational assistant, as well as having coached varsity boys and girls soccer.

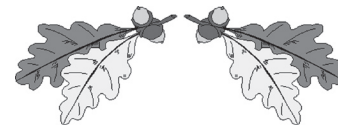
**Operations staff-** Sherry Faller joins us as our new Operations Assistant in the main office. She has been in the district for a number of years with great experience and a tremendous attitude of service and organization. She's already had a great transition this summer and will be a valued addition to our positive, welcoming atmosphere for which our entire staff is noted.

**Assistant Principal-** Eric Wright will take on the duties of A.P., coming to us from Springfield/Eugene where he has worked as a high school counselor. He brings CHS a genuine passion and high energy for students. He is bright, caring and very willing to jump into the huge job of supporting learning.

**Vacant A.P.-** Dawn Granger, assistant principal for two years, has been moved to principal at Cheldelin Middle School for the coming year. We will miss her greatly, and are in the process of putting together the best possible form of replacement(s), which may well include an interim combination of individuals to carry out that important work.

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## Dates to Remember

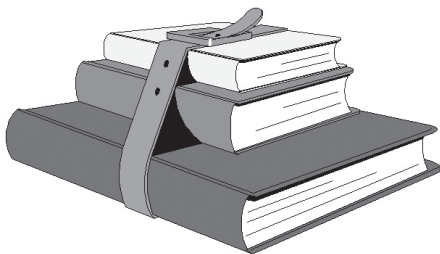
Aug 22	Senior registration 10-12:30
Aug 22	Junior registration 2-4:30 pm
Aug 23	Soph. registration 10-1:30 pm
Aug 23	Frosh registration 2:30-6 pm
Aug 24	OPEN registration 10-1:30 pm
Aug 28	OPEN registration 1-3:30 pm
Sept 4	LABOR DAY
Sept 5	Freshman and New Students 12:30 - 3 pm
Sept 6	SCHOOL BEGINS for All
Sept 7	Library Orientation
Sept 6&7	Beyond CHS Volunteer training - see pg 3
Sept 11	Juniors begin PSAT sign-up
Sept 14	Parent Connection
Sept 14	ID pictures make-ups
Sept 20	CHS Open House
Sept 27	College Planning Night
Oct 11	Lifetouch Picture retakes
Nov 18	Peace Slam

**Principal's message continued...**

**Budget Needs and Parent volunteers**—The district has wrestled hard with tight budgeting again this year and has decided to ask the public for additional support through an “operations levy” in November. That levy, however, would not take effect until next year’s budget cycle. Thus, we are again asking for parent and community support for basics for the coming year—support for activities, athletics, books, copying, supplies are drastically needed as much, if not more, this year as in the past. We are grateful for your donations directly or through gifts to the Corvallis Schools Foundation. We are also seeking more parent volunteers to help with work at CHS, including reception/office assistant work, Beyond CHS volunteers, library assistance and more. If you are interested, please **contact Sherry Faller** (757-5871) to ask questions or apply.

**School start changed**— Please note- **9th grade and new students** will begin school on the 5th (Tuesday) with a Barbeque and orientation session from 12:30 - 3:00. Buses will run regular routes (starting in the late morning). **All students** will attend **all day** on Wednesday, the 6th, with regular start time at 7:40 AM. Thanks for helping your students get off to a great start for the coming year. Looking forward to hearing from you if you have questions, concerns or comments.

—Sincerely, Jay Conroy, Principal

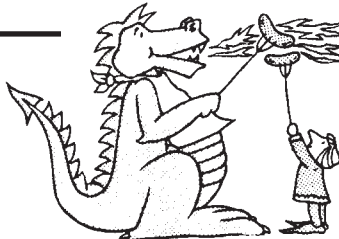


**First Day of School  
- Wednesday,  
September 6**

First day of school will be a normal ALL day. **BUSSES** will run their normal routes and times.

**Freshman and New Student Orientation  
B-B-Q**

On Tuesday, Sept 5, from 12:30 to 3 pm, we will have a Bar-B-Que at the high school for all freshman and new students. The cost is \$2.50 per person. Regular scheduled bus routes will be running for these students, even though this is a non-school day.



**CHS Open House**

Open House at CHS will be held on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 pm. Principal Jay Conroy will briefly welcome parents and guardians in the cafeteria. At 6:45 those attending will meet in their student’s first period classroom. *Please ask your student to give you the names and room numbers for their teachers.* Maps will be provided. Plan to attend and learn more about your child’s education.

**Registration Dates:**

Seniors	Tuesday	August 22	10:00 am-12:30 pm
Juniors	Tuesday	August 22	2:00-4:30 pm
Sophomore	Wednesday	August 23	10:00 am-1:30 pm
Freshman	Wednesday	August 23	2:30-6:00 pm
Open	Thursday	August 24	10:00-1:30 pm
Open	Monday	August 28	1:00-3:30 pm

**Library Volunteer Orientation**

**Thursday, September 7th, 2:30 pm. in the library**

Library staffing has been reduced for this next year. The librarian position will be half-time, so help is needed more than ever. We need help with a variety of jobs, all of which we will train you to do. No prior experience required. There will be a brief orientation and the opportunity to sign up for a scheduled time to volunteer once a week with a commitment of two hours each week. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

**Student ID Photos**



Lifetouch photographers will be taking student ID pictures on the day the students register.

For those students unable to attend the scheduled registration dates, student ID picture makeups will be September 14 from 7:15 to 11:30 am. Retakes will be October 11 from 7:45 to 10:00 am.

**2005-06 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!

**Parent Connection Dates**

- Meetings will be held in Beyond CHS
- September 14 . . . . . noon
  - 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

## Beyond CHS News

### New and Returning Volunteers

There will be a training session for all volunteers who wish to help in Beyond CHS. There are two dates and you need to attend only one session. September 6 at 10:00 a.m. or September 7 at 1:00 p.m. This is a mandatory training for new volunteers and returning volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend especially if you have only been volunteering for the past year. Volunteers are asked to commit to a two hour shift per week and be willing to work with all students.

### PSAT - For Sophomores & Juniors

The PSAT is the qualifying exam for National Merit students. It is also a very useful test in determining SAT scores. All juniors that are planning to attend college should definitely take it and priority will be given to them but we strongly encourage sophomores to take it especially at the Alg/Geo 2 level and above. The cost is \$17 payable to CHS. Reservations will start on September 11. The exam is Saturday, October 21 at Corvallis High School. Times and locations of rooms for testing will be announced later. If you have a religious conflict, you should contact Santiam Christian or Philomath High School as soon as possible, there test is on a Wednesday. There is no other time during the year that this test can be taken.

## College Planning Night

### For SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS - Freshman welcome too!!!!

College Planning Night will be held on Wednesday, September 27 from 6:30 - 9:00 (time subject to change) at CHS. Plans are tentative but we hope to have many more sessions, speakers and perhaps a college fair. There will be information for sure on financial aid, admission criteria and test requirements. We highly encourage sophomores to come because they are getting a little behind in all the test requirements, admission changes, appropriate classes. etc.

## College Visits

There will be a board outside Beyond CHS with a list of college visits scheduled for Beyond CHS. Please encourage your students to attend these and parents are always welcome. The Oregon University System (U of O, OSU, PSU etc.) will come during the day on October 16 and all juniors and seniors will attend that program.

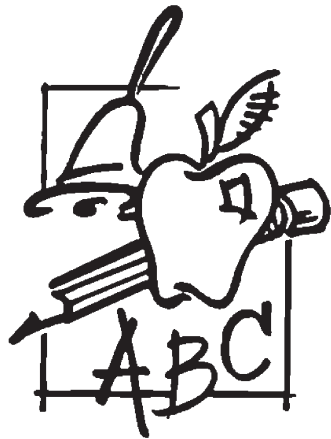
## GO VISIT!!

Junior and Seniors are encouraged to go to OSU or the U of O or Linfield, or Willamette and take a college tour. Take your parents, take as many local tours as you can, this helps you make better decisions about what school is right for you!



## 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.



## 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.

## 2006-2007 Daily Bell Schedule

This year's daily bell schedule follows. Classes are 95 minutes in length. One-credit classes meet either on ODD days (usually Monday/Wednesday) or on EVEN days (Tuesday/Thursday) for 95 minutes; most Fridays ALL class periods meet for 45 minutes.

Odd/Even		All	
A Block	7:40-9:15	1st period	7:40-8:25
		2nd period	8:30-9:15
<b>Break 9:15-9:25</b>			
B block	9:30-11:05	3rd period	9:30-10:15
		4th period	10:20-11:05
<b>Break 11:05-11:10</b>			
C Block	11:15-12:50	5th period	11:15-12:00
		6th period	12:05-12:50
<b>Lunch 12:50-1:30</b>			
D Block	1:35-3:10	7th period	1:35-2:20
		8th period	2:25-3:10



## Spartan Activities and Athletics

The entire Corvallis High School staff welcomes you to another year of Spartan sports and Activities – with a special welcome to our newest “Sparts”. We encourage you to become involved in the many activities offered at Corvallis High. We believe that school-based activities are a significant avenue for extending the learning environment beyond the classroom. Activities and athletics are important in contributing to school climate and to a sense of community among students, staff, parents and other Corvallis citizens. As a member of a school team or activity, your behavior on campus, in the community and at other schools reflects on your program, your school and yourself. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with personal, program and whole school successes. Be a part of this great place. Get involved!

## Greetings to Present and Future Spartan Athletes....

If you plan to participate in Fall sports, there are certain steps that must be taken before the season starts. Conditioning week begins Monday, August 14, 2006. The schedule for fall sports conditioning is as follows:

- Football: August 14-18 8-9:00am and 3:30-5:30pm on the CHS Turf field
- G. Soccer: August 14-17 5:30-8:30pm at Crystal Lake
- B. Soccer: August 14-17 6-8:00pm at Taylor Field
- Volleyball: August 14-17 8-10:00am at Chintimini Park Sand Courts
- B/G Xcountry: check with Mark Hulburt at Hulburt1@comcast.net



Monday, August 14th through Wednesday, August 16th we will be clearing Fall athletes in the cafeteria from 2-5:30pm. You must be sure to bring the following completed forms with your \$150.00 User Fee made payable to CHS Athletics. These forms are available outside the Athletic office. The front door of the building is open from 8:00am-3:30pm starting Wed. 8/2/06:

- Everyone must read and sign the code of conduct (with parents), including academic requirements, training rules, and citizenship expectations. (Blue Sheet)
- Have a sports physical if you do not have one on file from last year. (Back of White Sheet)
- Everyone must complete a health history/emergency information form yearly. (Front of White Sheet)
- Everyone must complete the Travel Permission Form (White Half Sheet)
- Everyone must carry medical insurance and purchase a student body card at registration.

Also, we will again be offering sports physicals at the school on Monday, August 14th from 3-6:00pm. We will have two physicians helping this year so it will go much quicker. Cost for the physicals is \$30.00...make checks payable to CHS Training Rm. For your physicals, please use the front door entry.

## Volunteers Needed for Sports

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 are all needed. 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. Those parents will ask others to help out where needed, in addition to communicating to parents in the program. If you are interested in being a team parent, please let your coach know at the beginning of the season.

## Spectator Costs

Parents are encouraged to use the PARENT HOTLINE. Each day's sporting events are on the hotline by 9:00am. Please call 766-4877, ext. 8073 for information about events scheduled for that day. The hotline is updated each day between 2:00-3:00pm if there are any changes. All sports have last minute changes at times. Using the hotline leaves the regular office telephone lines free for necessary calls.

## 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.

—Debbie Begin

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## September 2006

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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4 <b>LABOR DAY</b> 	5 <b>School Begins</b> for Freshman and new students - 12:30 - 3 pm	6 <b>ALL</b> School Begins	7 <b>EVEN</b>	8 <b>ODD</b>
11 <b>ODD</b> Junior PSAT sign-up begins	12 <b>EVEN</b>	13 <b>ODD</b>	14 <b>EVEN</b> Parent Connection noon - BCHS Student ID picture make-ups	15 <b>ALL</b>
18 <b>ODD</b>	19 <b>EVEN</b>	20 <b>ODD</b> CHS Open House	21 <b>EVEN</b>	22 <b>ALL</b>
25 <b>ODD</b>	26 <b>EVEN</b>	27 <b>ODD</b> College Planning Night	28 <b>EVEN</b>	29 <b>ALL</b>