

# Corvallis High School

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March 2007



Dear Parents

Here is an update on some important topics for this spring term ...

**Registration**—students will be given course registration materials, including a course catalogue. The catalogue has very good information for students, including important things to consider if you are college-bound. Please work with your student in filling out the course request and consider the following information:

- a. What did your present teacher recommend you to take in this area?
- b. Have you truly “explored” some areas of interest?
- c. Are you overloading? Especially sophomores and juniors who tend to believe that they need to take all of their “solids” (math, science, language arts, and social science, and then throw in a world language in on top.) They need to realize that they can spread some of those classes to their senior year and still be on track to graduate.
- d. Remember, if you signed up for it and we give you the class, you will not be able to drop the class and add a new one, so pick carefully.

**Shared classes**—while registering, be aware that some classes (called Tier II classes) will be available at CV. Those include: Orchestra, AP Environmental Science, Anatomy and Physiology, Intro to Engineering and AP Government and Politics. Similarly, CHS offers CV students the opportunity to take a number of classes only offered at CHS, including: Technical Theater; Auto I & II, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Biology, Computer Science C++, and advanced levels of German. Due to budget constraints, transportation will probably not be provided for ‘shared’ classes. Orchestra is the exception *due to its having been a program that was forced to be placed in one building*—a bus will transport those students each afternoon. And remember, that the same rule applies to “shared classes” as to regular classes—if a student signs up and is placed in a class but ends up not wanting it—the student can always drop the class, but **can not** then add a new class.

**Staffing**—with the passage of the new levy we will be adding at least 1 new teacher in each of the following four areas—Language Arts, Social Studies, Math and Science. We will also be adding nearly a full-time staff position spread throughout the Tech Ed area (from Autos to Child Development to Culinary Arts, and more). We are actively seeking qualified candidates to take a look at joining the CHS family with final hiring decisions to take place in April and May.

**Budgets**—CHS’ student population will be down about 20 students to around 1320 this coming fall. In years past that would definitely signal a cut in overall budgets and staff. However, we are hopeful that the legislature will support Governor Kulongoski’s proposed increased level of funding of K-12 (as well as improved funding for post-high school education). We are committed to being strong stewards of those dollars, aiming for direct classroom support, reduction in class sizes and reduction in the costs of athletics and activities that are being shouldered by parents and students. We will know more specifics by the end of May.

**Conferences**—Please review the information in this edition regarding upcoming teacher conferences. Because of the decreasing number of parents attending conferences we will; 1) offer more evening “drop-in” conferences and, 2) hold all conferences in the cafeteria.

**Visioning and Surveys**—Thank you to all those who have participated in the district’s visioning process and survey opportunity over the last three months. We really do appreciate your points of view. Of course, we also welcome your first-hand input to us anytime you have some thoughts. We are trying very hard to meet the needs of students in a professional and thoughtful way.

**Thank you**—As always, we want you to know that we really do appreciate your support of our great school and the work we do. We want your questions and concerns—we know we can always improve. We’ll also gladly pass on your compliments to the great staff that are doing such a good job. Have a wonderful spring break!!

—Sincerely yours, Jay Conroy, Principal

## Dates to Remember

- March 6 Spring Sports Pictures
- March 6 Winter Sports Dessert
- March 13 Community Vision Mtg
- March 14 Site Council Meeting
- March 15/16 Graduation Orders Here
- March 15 Parent Connection
- March 15 Band Concert
- March 16 Sadie Hawkins Dance
- March 17 Spring for Kids Run 
- March 22 Choir Concert
- March 24 Senior ANP Tickets go UP
- March 26-30 **NO SCHOOL**
- April 2 - Schedule Conference Appt.
- April 12-13 Conferences
- April 28 Mr. Spartan Pageant
- May 9 Senior Photos Due



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## 2007 Senior All Night Party!

**All-Night Party** - As your seniors begin their last semester at CHS, we want to remind you that tickets for the Senior All Night Party remain on sale from Cindy Gullede in the Counseling Center. Ticket prices will go up after Spring Break. **Currently tickets cost \$20 through March 23.**



From April 2 through June 11 the price will be \$25. Tickets will be \$30 at the door on June 11 from 11 to 12 in the morning. After midnight students will not be admitted to the party. Please make checks out to CV/CHS Senior All Night Party.

**Potluck Slide Show:** Seniors, please bring 2 or 3 pictures of yourself (not baby pictures - from 4-5th grade on) to be included in the slideshow presented during the senior potluck on **May 23**. Photos can be brought to the Athletic Office or emailed to [janet.walker@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:janet.walker@corvallis.k12.or.us). Photos with classmates is encouraged. **All photos need to be turned in no later than May 9.**

**Memory Collages:** Have you been collecting your favorite pictures to include in your student's collage to tell the story of his or her school history? The collages will be displayed at the all night party and saved for the ten year reunion. Parents will soon receive a letter providing specific details for making the collages. In the meantime, if you any questions, call Rebecca Hayes at 753-5816 or email her at [rebecca.hayes@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:rebecca.hayes@corvallis.k12.or.us)

## Senior Information Update

**March 15 and 16-**Graduation orders will be handed out in the forum at lunch. If you owe a balance, you will receive a bill and must pay for it when you pick up your order.

**May 9** - all pictures submitted to Jan Walker (athletic office) for senior slideshow.

**May 23-**Graduation seating in the big gym. Mandatory attendance-this is when students pick their walking partners...time TBA

**May 23-**Senior Potluck in the cafeteria—6:00 pm -watch for flyers in the mail

**June 8-**last day of school for seniors—1:30 -FIRST graduation practice in the big gym. This is mandatory also. After practice pick up caps and gowns in the cafeteria. If you do not have a cap and gown, be prepared to buy one at this time. You must have a cap and gown to participate in the ceremony

**June 11-**Mandatory graduation practice at Gill—usually at 10:00 or so.

**June 11-GRADUATION** at Gill—be there at 6:45

**June 11-ALL-NIGHT PARTY**-at Dixon. See above

**Gold Honors Cords-**Seniors graduating with an accumulated GPA of 3.5 or above are eligible to wear gold honor cords at graduation. The cords are \$8 and may be purchased from Mrs. Gullede in room 110. Your student will receive a note in class to remind them of this opportunity.

## Spring Conferences

This year, the spring conference are a little different...

1. Parents may begin calling the main office to make conference appointments on Monday, April 2
2. **All of the conferences** will be ARENA style located in the cafeteria (no classrooms this time)
3. Thursday, April 12 from 12:00 to 4:30/will be scheduled conferences
4. Thursday, April 12 from 5:30 to 8:00/will be drop-in conferences
5. Friday, April 13 from 9:00 to 1:00/will be scheduled conferences



## Become a Rotary Youth Exchange Host Family

Do you have an extra room in your home? Open it up to an exchange student from Brazil and learn about her country and her culture. Nathalia Costa is sponsored by the Corvallis Morning Rotary Club. She will be 17 in October and will be attending Corvallis High School. She loves to draw, paint and enjoys photography, science and coffee time. You can help Nathalia learn about and experience the USA by opening your home and your life to her. The time commitment is only 4 – 6 months but the friendship you develop and the memories you create will last a lifetime. If you are interested please contact Robert Thornberg at [rthornberg@comcast.net](mailto:rthornberg@comcast.net) or 754-3793.

## 10th annual Mr. Spartan Pageant!



Who will be Mr.Spartan this year?

Come find out on Saturday **April 28** at 7:00pm in the CHS auditorium. This year the goal of the pageant is to raise \$30,000 which will be divided between the Good Samaritan Maternity Ward and the Mario Pastega House, both located in Corvallis, Oregon. The pageant consists of the ten boys listed below competing against each other to accumulate the most points in variety of areas including formal wear, dance routines, question and answer period, and fundraising. The winning contestant is crowned "Mr. Spartan."

- Nic Amedo, Curtis Dodson**
- Jordan Fred, Eric Gordon**
- Tim Haley, Jeff Owen**
- Doug Potts, Logan Storie**
- Ivar Vong, Reuben Wai**

## Parent Connection

Meetings will be held in Beyond CHS, room 120  
 March 15.....noon  
 April 19 ..... noon  
 May 17.....noon

## BEYOND CHS - Life after High School

### AP Exams

Beyond CHS will begin registering students for the AP exams beginning Monday, February 5 – March 22. We will only offer the tests listed below. The nonrefundable deposit is \$15 payable to CHS. We ask that you not send the full amount because many students change their mind and it is difficult to refund the balance. The total cost of each exam will be \$93 and the balance will be due by May 1. There are two physics tests at the AP level at \$93 each however, we will reduce the second exam in physics to \$70. They will have to pay two deposits. If your student is on free or reduced lunch, please have them see me. All AM exams will begin at 7:30 (before school starts) and all PM exams will begin at 12:00, room locations will be announced later.

#### Monday, May 7

AM – AP Government & Politics US (our students will probably go to CV)  
PM – AP Gov't & Politics Comparative  
AP French Language

#### Tuesday, May 8

AM – AP Computer Science  
AP Spanish Language  
PM – AP Statistics

#### Wednesday, May 9

AM – AP Calculus AB, BC

#### Thursday, May 10

AM – AP English Literature & Composition  
AP German Language

#### Friday, May 11

AM – AP US History

#### Monday, May 14

AM – AP Biology  
PM – AP Physics (two different exams/  
two test fees will last probably till 5:00)

#### Tuesday, May 15

AM – AP Environmental Science (our students will probably go to CV)  
AP Chemistry  
PM – AP Psychology

#### Wednesday, May 16

AM – AP English Language & Composition



### Spring for Kids Run

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 17th, 2007, for the fourth annual Woodstock's Spring for Kids Run at Riverfront Park. We encourage kids and their families to join us for a 2000m event or a 5K run/walk that starts at the riverfront fountain and loops around the park (2000m) or to Avery Park and back (5K). Your entry fee entitles you to a t-shirt, participation ribbon (K-8), and a refreshment for your \$12 (2000m) or \$17 (5K) entry fee. All proceeds go to Corvallis public school children via the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation's mini-grant program. (Teachers/educators may apply to CPSF for mini-grants of up to \$1000 to use for activities, programs, and supplies that budget cuts have forced them to do without.)

There will also be live entertainment and prizes awarded after the race. Entry forms will be available at the end of January at your school or online at the CPSF web site's run link. For more information, please contact Cathy Peters at (541)760-8204. Thank you for your help promoting this great event!

### A Taste of College

This summer Oregon State University is again hosting a two-week precollege program called "A Taste of College" that may be of interest to your students. This residential program, open to high school students grades 10-12, provides them with an introduction to college life as well as two college credits. The \$950 fee includes two weeks of room & board, two college credits, field trips, instructional material, and staffing. A printable flyer is available for download from our website: <http://p12.ecampus.oregonstate.edu/atoc/>

Registration begins April 1 and will continue until May 31. The program runs June 24 - July 6, 2006. Additional program details can be found on the OSU P-12 Outreach website.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions or would like me to drop by to discuss the program.

—Sincerely, Dave Moore, High School Outreach, OSU Extended Campus  
dave.moore@oregonstate.edu



### ASD Awareness

April is Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Awareness Month, and the Corvallis School District's ASD Team is sponsoring an Art Show, which will include original artwork by students with ASD who attend the Corvallis School District.

The artwork will be displayed in the Board Room at the District Office during the month of April.

Any mode of art will be considered .... ceramics, drawing, painting, computer art, textiles, writings, poetry, journal entries, photography, and collages. Any other type of self-expression is welcome. We hope to use this opportunity to exhibit the incredible strengths and skills our students with Autism Spectrum Disorders have!

For Additional information go to 509j ASD Services Website, [http://www.csd509j.net/district\\_information/departments\\_and\\_services/special\\_education/autism\\_services/](http://www.csd509j.net/district_information/departments_and_services/special_education/autism_services/) or call Corvallis ASD Services at 541-757-4550 or 4441

Registration deadline is February 28, 2007.



**American  
Red Cross**

### Red Cross Blood Drive Needs Volunteers!

The CHS Z-Club is putting on their annual Red Cross blood drive on March 13 through the 15. We are asking for parent volunteers to oversee the drive from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The shifts would be flexible and we will do our best to make whatever time you have available work. In previous years we have met the goals of units collected set by the Red Cross, and with your help we hope to meet that goal again this year! If you are interested please contact Alissa Robertson-Witt at [alissar-w@hotmail.com](mailto:alissar-w@hotmail.com) or by phone at (541) 753-1245 explaining what days and times you are able to volunteer. Save a life, donate your time!

## CHS SPARTAN SPORTS

### Spring Sports Pictures

Spring sports pictures will be taken during practice Tuesday, March 6. 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 picture. Anyone wanting to order Booster Buttons needs to fill out the half sheet and pay on March 6 during the time of the pictures. Checks can be made out to CHS Booster Club. The cost of each Booster Button is \$3.00. This is a great way to support Booster Club and your athlete. Please have order forms filled out before picture day. Coaches will be giving order forms to athletes during practice.

### Sports Hotline

We encourage parents to use the PARENT HOTLINE. Each day's events will be put on the hotline by 8:00am. Please call 766-4877, extension 8073 for information about events scheduled each day. The hotline is updated daily sometime between 2:15 and 3:00pm. When the hotline is used, the regular office phone lines are kept free for making necessary calls due to cancellations.

Remember, if a game is cancelled, a practice is usually scheduled. The students are to check outside the Athletic Office door for their final instructions. Reminder – Golf and Track events do not rain out.



### Winter Sports Dessert

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Winter Sports Dessert on Tuesday, March 6, at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Please bring a dessert to feed about 6-8 people. At about 7:00pm everyone will move into the auditorium, and then about 7:30pm, everyone will break into sports groups and honor their athletes. The dessert is for all levels of winter sports.

### 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 discount per day for registrations received by deadline dates. Call Club for specific dates. Current membership is required. Register now for Spring Break 3/26 – 3/30 and April 11 - 13.

#### ScholarShop

Be a part of this exciting new program! This program is a curriculum and resource workshop designed to motivate and prepare students for postsecondary education in a fun atmosphere. This program will focus on: Self – Discovery, Career Options, College Admissions, Financial Aid, Community Involvement and Transition to College. Free to all High School Club Members. For more information contact Anna Lopez @ 757-1909 or email: alopez@bgccorvallis.org.

#### Keystone Club

This Club is a leadership and service program designed to promote leadership development, education and career exploration, unity, free enterprise and social recreation for high school students. (Call Club for specific details)

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



### 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
- 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
- Stain Glass Scraps

*The Foundation* has provided for a new Table Saw Guard and glass grinders.

*Kimbrely and John Clark* for the Dust Mask for the Basic Shop program.

—Thank-you, Andy Collins



## Corvallis • Community Vision for Education

During the last four months Corvallis School District has engaged numerous parent, staff, and community groups to identify a collective vision of quality education through a variety of facilitation sessions. There are still two key ways to get involved:

### Online Survey

Our short web-based survey is a great way to offer input, even if you already participated in a facilitation session. This questionnaire asks specific questions to inform future district and school board decisions. It can be completed in only five minutes, so it is an easy and time efficient way to get involved.

Visit the website: [www.360eval.com/login](http://www.360eval.com/login) and enter the password **CorvallisVision** (all one word) to participate in the survey.

### Culminating Forum

#### March 13 at 6-9 p.m., at Corvallis High School

The culminating public forum will share the initial findings of the process and offer another opportunity to give your input. This event is important for everyone to attend, as your feedback on the initial findings will affect the final outcomes. This event is appropriate for anyone ranging from those that have been very involved in the process to someone that is looking for a first opportunity to have their voice heard.

The goal of the Corvallis Community Vision for Education is to identify the community's values and align the targets for student outcomes with those values. The input gathered in the process will be used to guide the future actions for Corvallis School District. In May, a group of representative stakeholders will present the synthesized findings of the visioning process to the school board and unveil the district's newly formed vision and mission along with a set of recommendations for the future.

## 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.

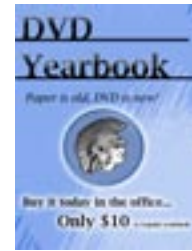
Encourage your child to attend all classes; but if a class is missed, clear excused absences in a timely fashion by calling to give the exact date of absence, clock or period of absence and please spell the student's last name clearly.

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.



## 2006-07 Yearbook

The DVD yearbook is a way to remember and relive your high school years in a new and exciting way.

Don't miss out on your chance to hit the replay button on all your favorite activities like; Sports, Theater, Student Life, and much more. The DVD Yearbook was filmed, produced and edited by the students of the digital productions class. Here are the important facts you need to know:

- It is over an hour long, crammed with all the school sponsored activities.
- Can be purchased for only \$10 in the main office with the purchase of a yearbook, regular price is \$12.
- After Spring Break the DVD is \$12 with the purchase of a yearbook. \$15.00 without a yearbook purchase."
- You can buy one in the main office from Lynn Dickson

## 2006-07 Yearbook Fees

January 8- March 23. . . . . \$45  
After spring break. . . . . \$55  
At the yearbook signing party . . . . \$60


Yearbooks are limited, buy early to guarantee that you get one. Save \$ and order early!

## 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.

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March 2007

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 <b>EVEN</b>	2 <b>ALL</b>
5 <b>ODD</b>	6 <b>EVEN</b>  Winter Sports Dessert @ 6:30 pm	7 <b>ODD</b>  Staff Meeting @ 3:20	8 <b>EVEN</b>	9 <b>ALL</b>
12 <b>ODD</b>	13 <b>EVEN</b>	14 <b>ODD</b>  Site Council Meeting @ 3:20 pm	15 <b>EVEN</b>  Parent Connection meeting @ noon  Band Concert @ 7 pm	16 <b>ALL</b>  Sadie Hawkins Dance @ 8:30 pm
19 <b>ODD</b>	20 <b>EVEN</b>	21 <b>ODD</b>	22 <b>EVEN</b>  Choir Concert @ 7:30 pm	23 <b>ALL</b>
26	27	28	29	30
 <i>Spring Break</i>				