

County Champions!



The "It's Academic" Team became County Champions once again! Congratulations: Jake Brintzenhofe, Patrick Komiske, Robert Moore, Alexa Prettymann, and Alex Simms

STATE Champions!



Anna Breon and Kirstin Williams are STATE CHAMPIONS in FBLA, earning a chance to compete this summer at Nationals!

The WIZARD OF OZ entertained our entire community this past week. Crowds filled the auditorium and gave a standing ovation on opening night!

What a show!

End of Year Testing

May brings many end of year tests ranging from High School Assessments and SAT's to Advanced Placement. Please be aware of extra help sessions available during Flex Period and After School.

Participation in extra help sessions greatly improves chances for success on these tests. Please call us if you need help getting information about meeting times and locations!

High School Assessments

There is about one month left before the High School Assessments (May 17 to 21). We have FREE after school help sessions for students. Is your son or daughter attending?

These programs are open to all students preparing for tests in May.

!!!!NEWS ALERT!!!!

We now provide transportation with an ACTIVITY BUS that leaves CHS right after the help sessions finish!

The bus is free and drops students off at 4 locations –

4:00pm – Piney Ridge ES

4:15pm – Sykesville MS

4:30pm – Gaither Manor Apts.

4:45pm – Woodbine and Fanny Dorsey Roads

Please check with Mrs. Wright for more details!

Mr. Arnold = Algebra HSA (Media Center Lab)

Ms. Anderson = Government HSA (A118)

Ms. DeMars = English HSA (Media Center Lab)

Ms. Bell = Biology HSA (B235)

If you have any questions about this program or would like more information, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Grant!

Monday & Wednesday = Algebra and Government

Tuesday & Thursday = English and Biology

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

A Message from the Principal

You will notice that this issue of our school newsletter focuses on end of year testing and assessments. Our students work hard throughout the year and soon they will take tests to see what they have learned and how well they can apply this knowledge to standardized tests.

Spring can be a challenging time for students. Attention sometimes gets diverted by warmer weather; seniors complain about "senioritis"; other students start to miss assignments or don't study for tests. As parents, you play an important role in monitoring attitudes to ensure all their hard work is not wasted.

Regular attendance in school helps keep students on track in their courses and gets them ready to do well on their tests; attending extra help sessions greatly increases test scores (HSA, SAT, and AP Exams); using online resources like testGEAR is a great way to encourage students to make their time using computers productive.

Too often the last month of school makes the difference between passing and failing. We have extra help sessions after school; the Flex Period is designed to give students a chance to meet with teachers during the school day; communication with teachers plays an important role ~ please stay connected and initiate questions. Don't wait for a low grade report to get in touch with a teacher. Make sure that your son/daughter is taking advantage of these programs.

We have over 700 AP exams ordered for this year ~ preparation between now and these exams may make the difference between earning credit or not.

Students build habits now that they will carry into next year; whether that is at college or at CHS. We want our students to continue working to their potential all the way through the end of the year. You would be surprised to see what a difference it makes if students continue to put in their best effort until June 10th!

Drew Cockley, Principal

Dates to Remember:

- April 21 – Volunteer Reception
- April 23 – SGA Celebrates Earth Day!
- April 26 – Schools Closed
- April 27 – Dramafest!
- April 28 – AHC Renaissance Festival
- April 28 – AP Night (4-8:30pm)
- April 29 – Orchestra and Choral Concert @ 7pm
- May 3rd through 14th – AP EXAMS!
- May 14 – Senior Breakfast and Assembly
- May 15 – Junior/Senior Prom
- May 17: BIOLOGY HSA
May 18: ALGEBRA HSA
- May 18 –PTSO Meeting @ 7pm
- May 19 – Senior Cruise @ 5pm
- May 20: GOVERNMENT HSA
May 21: ENGLISH HSA
- May 21 – Senior Presentations
- May 22 – NHS Battle of the Bands
- May 24 to 27: Senior Exams

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JROTC NEWS

JROTC ENROLLMENT JUMPS!

The Junior ROTC program opened to students at South Carroll and Liberty High School this semester to great results.

Our program was losing enrollment and we needed a way to help students get here. Transportation was provided for students and we now have over 150 cadets signed up for our program next year!

With this increased enrollment will come more events for students too! Our Raider Team and Drill Team are competing with schools throughout Maryland. Our Drill Team won 1st place in their first competition at South Garrett HS earlier this semester.

The quality of our program was never in question. We just needed to build student interest. Now that we have interest building it will be easy to see the positive results that this program has on our young women and men. Their confidence builds, they have a strong support network of friends, a sense of pride in their program, and a stronger connection with school.

Please call us if you would like more information about our Junior ROTC program and the scholarship opportunities that this helps provide our graduating seniors!

SERVICE HOURS

May 1st – Deadline for seniors to turn in their service hours if they want to participate in end-of-year senior activities.

Seniors need 75 hours!

National Honor Society

CHS would like to congratulate our newest members inducted to the National Honor Society on April 14, 2010. We know that you will do your best to carry on the strong tradition at CHS!

Student Recognition

Yanni Pangiatopolus – 11th Grade. Recently became the Carroll County Chess Champion on April 10th.

Kirstin Williams and Anna Breon - 12th Grade. Kirstin and Anna became STATE CHAMPIONS in Future Business Leaders of America in the area of Desktop Publishing. This qualifies them to compete at nationals in Nashville, TN this summer!

Danielle Keyser – 12th Grade. Won 2nd place in the Cosmetology Contest at the SkillsUSA State Championships held March 27th!

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS HAVE ARRIVED – DID YOUR SENIOR GET THEM? IF NOT – GIVE US A CALL AT 410-386-4400

End of Year Student Elections

This is National Student Leader Week – and we want our students thinking about how they can be leaders at Century High School.

After our seniors graduate, our attention will turn to who will become the leaders of tomorrow? Elections for class officers and Student Government will be conducted during the last two weeks of school.

For more information, contact your grade level class sponsors or Ms. Jill Bucolo for SGA. We hope to see students rise to this challenge and continue to make CHS a great school!

Class of 2011

Are you a junior getting ready for senior year in 2010-2011? Have you considered an INTERNSHIP? How about taking college courses at Carroll Community College? Both are great ways to keep students motivated in their senior year and can set students on a new direction. Call Mr. Sean Hembree (Counselor for the Class of 2011) or Ms. Amy Brewer (substitute for Ms. Stacy DeSalvo, Career Connections Coordinator) for more information.

GET READY FOR YOUR SAT'S!!!

SAT Test Dates

To register for the SAT visit www.collegeboard.com

Test date is June 5, 2010, regular registration deadline is April 29, late deadline is May 13. Don't forget to use testGEAR to help prepare. Call our School Counselors at (410) 386-4400 to ask how to use this tool!

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENT TEAM – We are looking for interested students to read our morning announcements. We lose both announcers this year to graduation and need to find replacements. If you have a student who is responsible and communicates effectively and has the right personality, please let me know. We would like to start getting them used to the routine this year.

Mr. Brian Tombs, Knight Support Counselor ~ 410-386-4400 Ext 239

Carroll County Public Schools

Volunteer Program – *Making a Difference Together*



Volunteering is an excellent way for parents/guardians, family, community members, and business partners to build and strengthen ties with Carroll County Public Schools. Volunteers offer their time and talents to benefit all students in the school system. **Public School Volunteer Week, April 18-24, is a special time to celebrate thousands of volunteers who enthusiastically lend a helping hand to make positive things happen.** Volunteers, an essential and incredible resource, are dedicated individuals who are valued by the school system. Through their willingness to donate volunteer service during the 2009-2010 school year, countless educational endeavors became realities for CCPS students and staff!

CCPS Volunteer Program Guidelines outline consistent standards for the following volunteer levels:

Level I Volunteers engage in activities that take place under direct supervision of a school system employee and/or involve no solitary contact with CCPS students. Examples include, but are not limited to: event ticket collectors, guest speakers/presenters/readers, and concession stand operators. **Level I Volunteers must annually register at a school by completing a Volunteer Information Form.**

Level II Volunteers engage in activities that take place under direct or limited supervision of a school system employee or there is unsupervised time with CCPS students. Examples include, but are not limited to: classroom helpers, tutors, chaperones, and mentors. **Level II Volunteers are required to attend an annual training session at least seven (7) school days prior to volunteering.** *School days are defined as days when schools are open for CCPS students.*



Volunteer training, obtained during the 2009-2010 school year, is only valid through September 30, 2010. As plans for the 2010-2011 school year are developed, volunteer training may be included as part of a scheduled school event or planned as a separate activity. **Volunteers are encouraged to attend required annual training prior to October 1, 2010.** Dates and locations of scheduled volunteer training sessions are available through school newsletters, AlertNow messages, Channel 21, local newspapers, and the school system's website. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Jane Farver, CCPS Volunteer Program Coordinator, at 410-386-1536 or ejfarve@carrollk12.org.

Amnesty Club Flea Market

Date: May 1st

Time: 9am-1pm

**Rent a parking space
and sell merchandise to
help raise money for
Haiti relief.**

**In the chance of rain,
we will move indoors.**

**Food and refreshments
will be sold!**

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Please contact

Ms. Myrick

with any questions.

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ALLERGY SEASON IS HERE!

The Air is beginning to fill with plant pollens and mold spores and your child may begin to develop sneezing, runny nose, itchy eyes, stuffy sinuses, and tickling throats that can make them miserable. Last year, the East coast suffered pollen counts 4 times the average which caused even those not usually susceptible to seasonal allergies to suffer with these miserable symptoms. If your child develops or has seasonal allergies and is not on a routine allergy medication, you may want to consider bringing an anti-histamine to the school health room for your child (Carroll County BOE medication policy rules apply).

Colds vs. Allergies

Many people may not realize they have allergies, often attributing their congestion and runny nose to a cold. Left untreated, allergies can cause more serious conditions like sinusitis or ear infections. It is important to decipher between allergies and colds.

	Allergies	Colds
Symptoms	Runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, wheezing, watery and itchy eyes.	Can include fever and aches and pains along with allergy symptoms.
Warning Time	Symptoms begin almost immediately after exposure to allergen(s).	Usually takes a few days to hit full force.
Duration	Symptoms last as long as you are exposed to the allergen and beyond, until the reaction triggered by the allergen ends. If the allergen is present year-round, symptoms may be chronic.	Symptoms should clear up within several days to a week.

Reference:

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. (Spring, 2002). *Spring allergy season*. Retrieved April 6, 2009 from:
http://www.aaaai.org/springallergy/colds_vsallergies.stm

The results of the National French Exam – Le Grand Concours – are in! Century H.S. had 4 students place in the top 20th percentile in Maryland and will earn a Certificat d’Honneur from the AATF (American Association of Teachers of French). They are: Samantha Albright (level I), Connor Warrell (level I), Erin Chinery (level II), and Stacie Bosley (level IV). Later this month the National rankings will be announced. Bonne chance to these students! We congratulate all the French students who took the exam, many of which placed in the top 50th percentile ~ way to go Knights!



Drama Booster News

Congratulations to The Century Drama Club, Opening Knights for their presentation of “The Wizard of Oz” this month. The show was a tremendous success and brought great reviews from the members of the community.

Drama Boosters are seeking officers and members-at-large for the 2010-2011 school year. No qualifications are needed: just a love for Century drama!! Open officer positions include President, Vice-President and Historian. If you are interested, please contact Boosters Secretary, Kendra Roberts at Kendra.Roberts@verizon.net. All new members are welcome!!

Drama Club members will be attending Drama Fest on Tuesday, April 27 at Life Point Church. Students will perform scenes from The Wizard of Oz and will attend theater and acting workshops.

The Drama Club banquet will be held at Century on Thursday, May 13. Dinner is at 6pm with ceremonies at 7pm in the auditorium. Dinner is being catered by Salernos. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$6.50 for children 5 and under. Reservations are due by April 30.

Parents of Drama Club students, who are not seniors, are encouraged to join the Scholarship Committee. The committee awards scholarships to graduating seniors in drama club. If you are interested, please contact Karen Dulany, kdulan@yahoo.com.



Class of 2013 News:

Thanks to all who have supported our restaurant fund-raiser nights! They have been very successful, and a special thanks to our parent booster team who organized those fund-raisers. We have one last Panera night, Monday May 3, 2010 from 5-9pm, so come out one last time and support the Class of 2013!



Saturday April 17, 2010 was our very first bake sale here at CHS in the Auxiliary gym. Thanks to all parents/students who donated baked goods, and thanks to the executive board members who set up, and helped at the bake sale.



We had a Joe Corbi's fund-raiser from March 31-April 14. Thanks to all students who sold pizzas to support the class of 2013, and thanks to all families for donations.



Didn't get to participate in the Bake Sale or Pizza Sales?? Please consider helping support the class of 2013 with a donation instead: we are getting closer to our goal of \$5,000 for freshman year, help us reach that! Prom is only 2 short years away!! Contact Mrs. Haak trhaak@carrollk12.org or Ms. Barnold anbarno@carrollk12.org for more information.



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News about our FLEX PERIOD

Parent Survey Coming Soon...

On April 15th we are surveying all students to see how valuable they perceive the flex period to be. We want to know how it is being utilized and whether it is helping our students academically, emotionally, and organizationally. The teachers are being surveyed on the same day in our faculty meeting. As parents, we want your input as well. An online survey will be sent to you asking for feedback about this new program. Is it worth keeping? That is the question. We will analyze results from all groups to make our determination for 2010-2011. Questions and feedback are encouraged ~ please let us know what you think! This topic will be addressed at both the April 20 and May 18 PTSO meetings. Please consider attending one or both meetings to give your input and become an active participant in our school improvement efforts. Thank you!!

Century High School's

MISSION STATEMENT

Every individual at CHS is committed to creating a safe, challenging, yet supportive, learning community.

Unique partnerships, a technologically integrated learning environment, and high quality programs will link learning to future careers.

Students will emerge as dynamic, self-directed learners, responsible citizens, and active participants in a rapidly changing world.