

CHS DRAGON NEWS

A CHS PTSA PUBLICATION

Attention!

All CHS Students,
Parents, and
Teachers:

Please take a few moments to complete an online opinion survey regarding Collierville High School. Your opinion is valuable to us in continuing to provide an excellent academic environment. The survey is located on the CHS homepage and will only take a few minutes of your time.

The survey will be
available from
Jan. 12 - Jan. 26.

Thank you for your
support!

Dear Parents:

It seems that time passes more and more quickly each year. first semester has gone outstandingly well. have been working hard and we have seen a record number of great test scores.

During this semester the guidance counselors will be meeting with students to discuss classes for next year. in the spring we will send a list of these selection home for your review. begin having conversations about taking classes that will best prepare your child for his/her future. should be encouraged to take the most rigorous classes possible in order to be competitive for college and work.

Beginning next year we will be changing our schedule to allow students to take up to seven classes rather than six. teachers have made the commitment to increase their work load in order to provide additional opportunities for our students.

If you need any assistance as you are helping your child select classes for next year do not hesitate to contact a counselor our administrator. 'll do our very best to get you the information that you need.

I am proud to introduce Mrs. Beth Schermerhorn as a new Assistant Principal at CHS. . Schermerhorn replaces Mr. Andy Clayton who was promoted last semester. . Schermerhorn comes to us with a wealth of experience from within and outside Shelby County Schools. recently she has served our school system as a Special Education Specialist. knowledge and skills will be a tremendous asset to CHS!

Sincerely,

Tim Setterlund
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

WINTER 2008-2009

ORDER YOUR CHS YEARBOOK TODAY!

Last date to order a yearbook will be January 9, 2009. Most people pre-ordered by filling out the order form in home room. If you haven't received an invoice from SalesExpress, then you don't have a yearbook on order. You may call 1-888-298-5063 or go online at <http://www.buyayearbook.com> and check your order status anytime. Our school code is 9008670.

The National Honor Society is an organization designed to recognize students who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership, character, and service. The Collierville High School chapter of the National Honor Society begins its selection process in January. Students cannot "join" National Honor Society. Students who wish to be considered for selection **must** attend a meeting on Tues., Jan. 20 at 2:05 p.m. or Wed., Jan. 21, at 6:30 a.m. in room 256. They will be given information about the selection process and a form to fill out about their activities, leadership positions, attendance record, etc. The forms must be returned to Mrs. McDonel no later than Wed., Jan. 28, at 7:00 a.m.

The criteria for selection are as follows:

Students must be juniors or seniors.

Students must have a minimum average of 95.0 for the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade semesters.

Students must have evidence of participation in service activities in school and the community.

Leadership and good character must be exhibited.

Teacher evaluations must be favorable.

No student who has been assigned I.S.S. or O.S.S. during the school year is eligible.

The evaluation and selection process culminates in a meeting of the faculty council, a group of teachers named by the principal. Once their decisions have been made, letters are given to the inductees and sent to the parents. That decision process is completed by the end of February. The induction ceremony will be held in the auditorium on March 5, 2009.

National Honor Society Selection Process

Inside Story Headline

The second semester is already in progress, and many students are enrolled in new semester courses. We have enjoyed a successful first semester both academically and through extracurricular activities. We are blessed to have an extremely talented group of young people here at CHS. As parents, please continue to encourage your child to challenge himself/herself during this second semester. Counselors will be meeting with each student during this semester to help him or her prepare for their remaining years here at CHS. As the course selection

process begins, please encourage your child to challenge himself/herself in taking honors and AP courses if they have the ability.

PowerSchool, our online grading program, is available 24 hours a day. You may use this site to check student grades, attendance, assignments, and school events. Teacher e-mail addresses may also be accessed through this site. You may access the parent portal at:

<https://ps.scsk12.org/public/>. You may also visit teacher's web sites at:

<http://colliervillehs.scsk12.org/> to keep up with class information.

Thank you for your continued support. Your school involvement is crucial for your son/daughter's success. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Becky Kenley

Vice-Principal

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From Our Vice Principal

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Dr. Setterlund Purchase	Main Office	Policies, Procedures, Board Approval, School Improvement Plan		Approval, Absences,
Ms. Kenley	Guidance	Curriculum & Instruction Teacher Evaluation Guidance Services		
Mr. Moody Lockers	Discipline	Discipline-12th grade, Parking, Student	Office	Agenda Books and
Mr. Field Field Trips and	Attendance	Discipline-11th grade, Textbooks, Buses		Furniture and Keys, ISS,
Mrs. Schermerhorn Scheduling, Testing	Main Office	Discipline-10th grade, Study Hall Disci-		pline, Calendar/Event
Mrs. Hampton	Main Hall	Discipline-9th grade, Buses		Substitutes, Clubs

Are we fired up yet? One semester down and seven more to go on our trek towards **GRADUATION 2012!** Success is a reflection of your attitude and hard work ethic! I know we all can be successful individuals if we put our hearts and minds into it. Some of us have performed admirably this semester, while others have not performed up to our full potential. Communication with the teachers is the key to outstanding performance in the classroom. Open communication allows greater insight and clarification to material you may not fully comprehend.

I will start meeting with each one of you individually in January to begin scheduling classes for your sophomore year. Keep in mind, "To succeed, we must first believe that we can." My three steps to success include: Believe in Yourself, Get Organized, and Manage Your Time Wisely! If you succeed in these three areas, you will perform extraordinarily well here at CHS. Challenge yourself by taking classes that will help you reach your highest level of potential.

Sometime in late January listen to the announcements for distribution of our first edition of class rankings. This is a highly anticipated event and will reveal the efforts of your dedication and hard work. Where do you rank? Make it a goal of yours to find your place and stand strong in it!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. You should be fully rested and ready to dive into the last semester of your freshman year. Make the absolute most of this experience, for this is a time in your life that you will always remember. Are you going to make it a positive experience, something in which to proud?

Let's get this semester started with no regrets and no worries. Stay on track, stay focused, and once again...To Infinity and Beyond Class of 2012!

Best Wishes,

Jana J. Blanchard
Freshman Counselor
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Welcome Back, Welcome back, welcome back!!! hope you all had a wonderful, restful and safe winter break. , with our second wind, we can tackle this last semester committed to completing homework, nightly reviews, and attending tutorial sessions when needed. It is important to finish strong, especially if we need this semester average to help pass a class for the year. , we need **10 credits AND English 10** in order to be classified as a JUNIOR! We will soon decide upon **classes for next year** and have **a new format.....seven classes and one may be a study hall.**

need to begin thinking about taking the **ACT test. Everyone needs to take it.** It is offered six times per year, five here at CHS. is given in September, October, December, February, April and June. Some will be ready to take it in April, but I encourage **ALL** to have a score before the October, 2009, testing date. reviewing your scores, you can attend specific tutoring sessions after school for targeted areas. are available in the guidance office and outside the library doors. are numerous resources to prepare you and to help you do well and get the score we need to qualify for the **Hope Lottery grant-----a 21!** website, **ACT.org**, is a wonderful tool in getting prepared. ahead, get plenty of rest, and allow yourself the opportunity to do well when you do take it.

you may already know, Mr. Clayton has accepted an assignment at the Board, so we have a new grade level administrator. **Mrs. Beth Schermerhorn** is a wonderful addition to CHS and to the Class of 2011.

always, please let either one of us know of your concerns so we can investigate and nip them in the bud. thank you for continually supporting your student and encouraging them to be their own advocate with me and with their teachers.

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FOCUS ON FRESHMAN SOMETHING FOR SOPHOMORES

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I have just three letters for you...

April 22nd - All juniors will take the ACT on this day... **during school!** Instead of getting a voucher this year, the State of Tennessee is offering this test date for all Juniors for **FREE!** There is no make up for this test. If your child is absent on April 22nd, they will forfeit their free testing.

Carolyn Comella, our College Advisor, recommends that students have at least two ACT scores before their senior year. This is helpful in pin pointing any areas of concern that we may need to focus on before they take the test again during their senior year. Your child may want to take the June test in order to obtain their second score. We do not give the June test at CHS, but it is given at several locations around the Memphis area. Check www.ACT.org for a list of locations.

Tutoring is available after school in all sub test areas. This tutoring is free to CHS students.

Schedules of tutoring opportunities are printed and posted all around the school before each test. If your child has trouble locating one, have them stop by my office to pick one up!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call or email me!

Kristy M. Krotzer
Junior Counselor
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Spotlight On Seniors Just For Juniors

The "big day" is just around the corner. on May 18th is not far away. Plans must be made for celebrations and congratulations. With only a few weeks left, now is not the time to slack up on homework, classwork, projects or exams! Students who have to attend Summer School cannot participate in the graduation ceremony. All requirements must be met prior to graduation. The most difficult part of my job is telling a parent that his/ child will not participate in graduation. Encourage and push your child now to do his/her very best until the end. I would like to see each and every one walk across the stage and receive a diploma.

There is one more test date for the ACT before graduation. If your child has not taken the test or made high enough to receive the HOPE Lottery Scholarship, this is the last chance during the senior year. After school tutoring will continue to take place.

This is truly a great senior group of kids. have represented CHS so well through the years. We have champions in academics, athletics, clubs, Knowledge Bowl, and so much more. Every time there was a circumstance in which someone was in need, this group of young people stepped up. Who knows, maybe we have budding actors, doctors, lawyers, politicians and even school teachers walking these halls now. We expect great things from this group. I know they will not disappoint us.

Marianne J. Rainey

23 New ACT 30 & Above Club Members! Congratulations to the following students. These newest members took the test in September and October and are now among the highest 3% of top scores in the country. . Comella and Mrs. Renshaw, club sponsors, want to congratulate these outstanding scholars and

look forward to other CHS students joining this prestigious club. is a list of the newest members. **Seniors:** Beck, Andrew Dawson, Jana Whiteside, Brianna Spears, Dane Duncan, Alex Picus, Ariana Mansolino, Brenden McDonel, Chloe Briscoe, Mallory Campbell, Jesse Adams, Sean Boers, Tyler Smith **Juniors:** Sean Beach, Megan Bell, Payton Mink, Zachary Robinson, Thomas Hipps, Courtney Busby, Kaitlyn Devries, Robin Lancaster **Sophomore:** None Yet! **Sophomores:** Hunter Dean and Brandon Zheng.

If you have questions, contact the club sponsors.

2008 PSAT (Challenging Courses = Excellent Scores) Our PSAT scores have just arrived and the scores are excellent! . Krotzer does an excellent job encouraging the juniors to enroll in rigorous courses each year. who take a challenging course load each year most often become ACT 30 & Above Club members and are recognized as National Merit Scholarship participants. parents, when students come home exclaiming a course is "hard," that's a good thing. "Easy" means the student is not learning. As we approach spring registration, we want all the students at CHS to continue to challenge themselves with their level of courses. Parents need to ask to see the PSAT score report each student received and the test booklet. and students can use these test results to study what the student missed. 's online program offers many helpful hints concerning your daughter or son's search for careers and colleges. CHS faculty is willing and ready to help students understand what they missed to improve the scores of their college entrance exams. Sophomores can study this year's PSAT score report and learn from their mistakes. will take the test again next year to qualify for a National Merit commendation.

Graduation Program – Scholarship List Have you been offered a scholarship? Seniors, remember I keep a list of all the scholarships that are awarded to the Class of 2009. Even if you are not going to accept the scholarship, I need to keep a copy of all of the scholarship money offered. bring me the award letter and I will make a copy for myself. Your name will be listed in the Graduation Program with all the names of the scholarships you are offered. me brag! Program deadline is April 28th. Scholarship offerings brought in after April 28th cannot be guaranteed to make the program printing deadline.

Financial Aid Workshop for Senior Parents Thank you to all the senior parents who came out on December 9th on such a rainy evening. was one of our largest meetings. who were unable to attend need to get started. Go to: www.fafsa.ed.gov <<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>> to begin the process. today's economy, everyone should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to determine the amount of federal and state aid you are eligible to receive. FAFSA is also the application for the HOPE Lottery money. order to maximize your amount of aid, fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1. speaker was Jim Shannon, Financial Aid Consultant from Christian Brothers University. you have questions, call the FAFSA hotline (1-800-4-FED-AID) or Jim Shannon at 321-3305 (finaid@cbu.edu).

Hello Dragons!

back. I hope that your break was relaxing and enjoyable. I am excited about the New Year and am looking forward to having a productive one.

Thanks again for your help last year with **Mix It Up Day**. It was a success! **Approximately 520 students and teachers participated. Those who participated received vanilla ice cream sandwiches from Blue Bell Ice Cream. The last lunch period won the competition so those students were also given a Cookies 'n Cream Country Cone.**

Because of the success of the event along with the enthusiasm from the students and administration, more Mix It Up activities will be done throughout the year. The first event is "**No Name Calling Week**" which is a national event sponsored by Teaching Tolerance. event will take place from January 26-30. The goal is to have a decrease in the number of students who are bullied or ostracized. Throughout the week students are asked to participate in several activities. The activities include discussions in your classes and clubs about the negative effects of name-calling, a club poster contest, and a creative expression contest. Collierville students will make an effort not to call others names and discourage others to take the same just stand.

In addition to mix it up activities, I plan on doing several presentations this year. The presentations will pertain to increasing students' awareness of the dangers of abusing prescription drugs, the harmful effects of alcohol and drug abuse, and informing the student body about teen dating violence just to name a few. So again, let's have a great New Year!

Congratulations!

Collierville CoEd Cheer - 2nd place in the Regional competition and 2nd place at State in Murfreesboro! to go guys and gals!

Keep up the good work! VARSITY SQUADS:
Good luck at Nationals in February!
Go Dragon Cheer!

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**COLLIERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
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STAY INFORMED...WATCH

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CHS offers all students an opportunity to attend free after-school ACT tutoring sessions to prepare for each upcoming ACT. The tutoring schedule for the Feb. 7 ACT will be posted the first week of January on the CHS website. Click on: Resources, ACT Help, and ACT Help Sessions at CHS to download the schedule. Schedules are also available in the library, guidance office, and bulletin board on the math/science hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Renshaw at mrenshaw@scsk12.org.

FREE ACT TUTORING!

Attention Seniors who have not made at least a 21 on the ACT yet: Do you want some “HOPE” to pay for college?

If you would like to increase your chances of earning at least a 21 on the ACT February 7 to qualify for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship, then take advantage of a new peer tutoring program at CHS offered at a very convenient time: during the school day! The tutoring will occur two days a week during the Senior's homeroom & lunch period. You would come to Mrs. Renshaw's room 177 and eat your lunch while a tutor goes over ACT practice questions with you. Your tutor will be a fellow CHS student who has scored at least a 30 on the ACT, so you would see the same tutor each time. Research does show that **peer tutoring is highly effective** if the students have a good rapport with one another and meet consistently.

Here is the schedule for tutoring beginning the week of Jan.5, 2009:
Homeroom/Lunch during 4th period: **Tuesdays & Thursdays**
(beginning Thursday, Jan. 8 through Thursday, Feb. 5)
Homeroom/Lunch during 5th period: **Mondays & Wednesdays**
(beginning Wednesday, Jan. 7 through Wednesday, Feb. 4)

So just grab your lunch and come by **Mrs. Renshaw's room 177** (on the math hallway) during your homeroom/lunch period on the days mentioned above.

Senior violinist in strings,

Andrew Sherrod, auditioned and made the All West Orchestra. on his chair placement from this audition, he qualifies for the All State Orchestra, representing the best string players in the State of Tennessee.

College Notes...Mrs. Carolyn Comella, College Advisor

Calling All Volunteers

CHS is looking for a few good volunteers to help tutoring in our wonderful resource department. Our special needs students need assistance preparing for test as well as completing other educational activities. If you can spare some time to help these special students, please email us at chspts@gmail.com. We will put you in touch with the resource department to discuss your availability. The school nurse is in need of several items for our health room, especially for our diabetic and

hypoglycemic
students.

Saltine crackers

Cheese or peanut butter crackers

Nutter butter cookies

Breakfast honey and oat bars

Juicy juice apple or orange boxes

Sprite/Pepsi/Coke/ bottled water 4oz

If you can help, please send these items to the front office.

Mrs. Burchett mail, messages, general information

Mrs. Milhouse payroll, fundraising, forms, supplies

Mrs. Tedford purchasing, fines, payments

Mrs. Hay Special Education

Mrs. Thomley Student Records, Grades, Student Schedules

Mrs. Walker Guidance Reception and Appointments

Mrs. Comella College and Career Counselor

Mrs. Rainey Senior Counselor

Mrs. Krotzer Junior Counselor

Mrs. Bell Sophomore Counselor

Mrs. Jonakin Freshman Counselor

Dr. Audrey Elion Prevention Liaison Counselor

Mrs. Esala Attendance Records, Driver License Attendance Forms

Mrs. Neal Student Check-in/Check-out, Attendance, Parent Contacts

Mrs. Myles Disciplinary Forms, ISS Forms, Suspensions

Congratulations out to JV Pom Squad. They performed at the TSSAA Dance State Championships in Murfreesboro on December 5th and they are our JV Jazz State Champs!! Way to go girls!

Mrs. Hughes' Daily Living classes are learning about service to others. The students will experience first hand how helping others make you feel good about yourself. They have read how doing for others even helps you to live longer. They will visit the AFS classes with Santa Claus, bringing stockings with candy and a Beanie Bear for each student. They will interact with the students with singing Christmas toys. It will be a wonderful learning experience for everybody.

Did you know about...

NEW AT CHS

VARSITY POM PLACES STATE

On December 5th the Varsity pom Squad competed at the TSSAA State Championship in Murfreesboro, TN placed 2nd in the Jazz division and 3rd in pom! They will be heading to Birmingham, Alabama in January for their next competition. WAY TO GO GIRLS AND GOOD LUCK!!!!

PTSA Membership

As we are closing in on the final days of our 2008-09 PTSA Membership campaign, we are very close to achieving our membership goal. We would like to encourage those parents and students who have not joined to **please** consider doing so.

The PTSA funds from our membership dues have a definite purpose. They enable us to publish the CHS Dragon Newsletter and mail it to your home as well as provide programs such as the Reflections contest and Project Graduation. Your membership dues also help to support programs for children on a local, state and national level.

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January 5	1st day second semester
5	A Clubs
14	Report cards issued in homeroom
16-17	State Thespian Conference
19	Holiday—Martin Luther King Day
27	B Clubs
February 5-7	Play/ Butterflies Are Free
10	A Clubs
13-14	Varsity Wrestling Regional Individuals
16-17	Presidents Day Holiday
18-25	Varsity Basketball District Tournament

19-21	Varsity Wrestling State Individuals
20	Solo & Ensemble Festival
24	B Clubs
26	CHS Duet Concert
March 2	National French Exam
4	Beta Club Induction
5	National Honor Society Induction
10	A Clubs
11-14	Varsity Girls Basketball
13	End of 3rd Quarter
16-20	Spring Break

Please plan to attend the **General PTSA Meeting on Jan. 27th at 6:30** in the Library. A gallery of **Reflections entries** will be available for viewing and **winners will be presented with their awards.** We hope you can come to view the wonderful student works!