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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DR. TOM HARMAS

Welcome back to CHS for the start of semester two. I hope everyone had a joyous and happy holiday season and you were able to relax and rejuvenate over winter break. As we say goodbye to 2020, I would like to thank some special groups who made our first semester so successful.

To the entire CHS family, thank you for all your efforts towards creating a Carmel High School in which all of our students learned and felt connected. We know this year is a new way of doing school for all of us and we continue to learn, adjust, and persevere.

To our choral department and their creation of the fabulous Holiday Spectacular. The numerous hours our students, staff and parent volunteers worked was greatly appreciated. The creative thinking and the way our students wouldn't allow masks to dampen the holiday spirit was fabulous. Congratulations to all!

To the PTO for your continued support and especially Heather Cassady, Wendy Harlow, and the entire leadership team for their support during the year. The PTO has found new and innovative ways to stay involved in supporting our staff and students. Your commitment is greatly appreciated.

While many of us were overjoyed to see 2020 come to a close, we realize the challenges of COVID still exist in 2021, and our primary focus is for all in the CHS family to stay healthy and in attendance each and every day. In order to do that, we will continue to follow all COVID protocols set in place first semester. Please be sure to have your child answer the four COVID screening questions each day before coming to school. If they answer yes, to any of the questions, please call the COVID hotline at 317-571-4630.

Despite the challenges COVID presents, we continue to build upon what we learned from semester one and prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. Our counseling department is in full scheduling mode for the next school year. Parents, please review with your child all the educational opportunities they have at Carmel High School. Having these conversations early will help pave the way for your child to schedule the required and elective classes that best fit their plans for high school and beyond. If you have any questions about your child's plan, please do not hesitate to reach out to their school counselor.

We cannot thank you enough for your flexibility, patience, and partnership in making Carmel High School such a special place during such a difficult time. We join you in working toward a successful second semester and wish you the happiest of new years. We look forward to continuing this adventure with our students and families. As always, thank you for your continued support of your children and Carmel High School.

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Student Services

We thank you for your partnership in helping your child(ren) be successful at Carmel High School. With so many avenues of support, we wanted to remind you of some of the best ways to stay informed:

- Be an observer in your child(ren)'s Canvas courses. This will allow you to see what they see including assignment information and deadlines. Please follow this link for instructions as to how to set up a parent Canvas account.
- Have access to PowerSchool through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. This will allow you to

see the most current grade for your child(ren)'s courses. Please follow this link for instructions on how to access the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

- Reference the Parents section of the Carmel High School website at <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/chs-parents> for information about: reporting attendance, bus stops, lunches, calendars, textbook payments, tutoring, technology support (Canvas, Chromebook, Edmentum, PowerSchool).

Career Experiences and Certifications at CHS

We offer a variety of CTE courses here on campus allowing students to gain certifications and/or work experience. Be sure to check out the Program of Studies for detailed information. Below are courses that were recently added to course offerings:

Health Science Education II, Nursing: This two credit course allows juniors and seniors to earn their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification and complete the required clinical hours. Many four year nursing programs are now requiring the certification before admission.

Emergency Medical Services: This two credit course allows seniors to complete their required ride along hours and academic work to sit for the Emergency Medical Technician certification exam.

Construction Trades: Students will work with their peers to construct a Tiny Home while making connections with local professionals.

Culinary Arts and Hospitality: Students will have the opportunity to earn their ServSafe certification while participating various catering events in the community.

Adv. CTE College Credit: ACP BUS X100: Juniors and seniors can earn Indiana University credit through the Kelley School of Business while learning about business dynamics. Students will have an opportunity to work and learn from local business professionals.

Distinguished Grad Application

ATTENTION SENIORS!

The Distinguished Grad Application is now available online. This program celebrates the well-rounded Carmel Greyhound. Approximately 130 seniors will be recognized as either commended or distinguished at our CHS Graduation Ceremony. One extremely exceptional senior will be recognized as THE Distinguished Graduate for the Class of 2021. Seniors should complete the DG Worksheet prior to completing their application online, as they can only submit their online application one time and in one session. Seniors will be able to submit their applications until 4:30 p.m. on February 12th, 2021.



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News from the Library!

The CHS Library is forming four new student bookclubs this semester! One has actually been active since 2017 and it is called **SilverHounds**. As we worked through covid protocols last semester we took a hiatus, but now we are beginning anew. SilverHounds is a traditional bookclub comprised of CHS students and retired community members. We will not be able to meet this spring, but we are still going to reach out to our community SilverHound members to let them know we are thinking of them. We will begin offering some SSRT times for students to come to the library for quiet reading time or even read-alouds. There will be the **Virtual Book Club** that will offer hybrid and all virtual students the opportunity to safely share information about books they have read through video book talks, the sharing of music playlists that would complement a novel or even written reviews. All material will be filtered through our library staff for safety of content. And finally, **#currentlyreading** will be an in-person club that comes together to talk about books. Unlike a traditional bookclub in which everyone reads the same book, #currentlyreading will allow students the opportunity to read what they love and to share that with others who attend. The moderator will pose questions and students will share answers based on their chosen book. If your student is interested, please direct them to the CHS Library Canvas page or to the library itself where staff members can assist. QR codes can be found throughout the school for more information and to electronically sign-up.

Across town the Carmel Clay Public Library will be hosting a **virtual History Workshop** for students on Tuesday, January 19 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. This is a free online workshop for students interested in improving their history and social studies grades through improved reading, note-taking, and study strategies. Registration is required and can be done through the library's [online calendar](#) where they will find more information about the program.



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There are often occasions when a college/university requests that you send them a mid-year or 7th semester transcript. This might include the following scenarios:

1. You applied to a Common Application college which requires a mid-year report.
2. Your admission decision was deferred until the college receives a 7th semester transcript.
3. You applied to a college with a regular admissions deadline in January or February and your 7th semester GPA would be beneficial to your application.

If any of these scenarios pertain to you or you need a 7th semester transcript sent for a different reason, please follow the directions below:

- **Common Application Schools:** Counselors will send out a mid-year school report and 7th semester transcript to all Common App colleges in which you have applied. There is no need to request a mid-year transcript for these Common App schools.

- **Non-Common Application Schools:** If you need a mid-year/7th semester transcript for any other reason, please follow the directions below:
 1. Login to Naviance Student
 2. Select the *Colleges link followed by the Colleges I'm Applying To* link
 3. Click on the *+Request Transcript* link
 - » **What type of transcript are you requesting?** Check the *Mid-Year* box ONLY
 - » **What additional materials, if any, do you want included?** Leave blank
 - » **Where are you sending the transcripts?** Select each of the non-Common App schools which you would like to send your mid-year transcript.

It is very important that you only request a mid-year transcript for those non-Common App schools which require them. These transcripts should be ready to send out beginning the 3rd week of January. Please contact your school counselor if you have any questions.

INDIANA ONLINE ACADEMY SUMMER SCHOOL

Carmel High School students have the option to take one or two courses through Indiana Online Academy (IOA) in the summer. IOA summer school dates are June 7 through July 18. Students interested in taking a summer course through IOA must register for the course directly with IOA during their registration window, November 1 through May 28. Registration for PE I or PE II must be completed by March 1. For more information, please access the CHS Program of Studies available on the CHS website.

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SCHEDULING AND ADVISING MEETINGS

CHS Counselors have wrapped up meeting with their 9th and 10th grade students and started meeting with their 11th grade students for individual advising meetings. For this year, these advising appointments are being held either in-person or virtually via Zoom meetings. During these meetings, counselors will review each student's course requests, identify how those requests meet diploma requirements, make any adjustments to their course requests if necessary, and discuss how their course requests fit in with their interests, strengths, and post-high school plans. The advising meetings are also a time for CHS counselors to discuss academic performance to date, identify any social-emotional learning needs, and answer student questions. Junior advising meetings began January 19th and will continue through February 12th. **Each student is required to register for their appointment using the Calendly link their counselor sent to them via email.** If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to your counselor. If you don't know who your child's counselor is and can't locate it on our Counseling Canvas page please call our office at 317-571-5922 for assistance. We are happy to help.

Important deadlines for 2021-2022 course scheduling include:

- The Application Course Deadline is February 1, 2021. A list of courses requiring a special application is located in the Canvas scheduling module
- The deadline to request a schedule change for any reason is March 1, 2021
- The final schedule change deadline is May 1, 2021. Please note that schedule change requests submitted between March 1st and May 1st are dependent on course availability.
- The deadline to register for Summer PE via Indiana Online Academy is March 1, 2021

HOOSIER BOYS & GIRLS STATE

Applications will be available in late January for juniors interested in attending Hoosier Boys State or Hoosier Girls State this summer. Hoosier Boys State will be held on June 12 through June 18, 2021 at Trine University in Angola, Indiana. Hoosier Girls State will be held June 20 through June 26, 2021 also at Trine University. Hoosier Boys/Girls State programs are sponsored by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. Participants learn about government processes, citizenship, and leadership. Due to the generous support of organizations such as Carmel Lions, Carmel Rotary, Carmel American Legion Post 155, and Carmel High School, our selected delegates incur no cost to attend. Students interested in attending must complete an application (including three teacher recommendations) and must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average. *Delegates must be able to attend the entire week-long session.* Application information will be available through U.S. History teachers, as well as in the CHS 10th-12th Grade counseling center, beginning in late January. **The online applications will be available through the CHS Counseling Canvas course only and will be due in late February.**

AP EXAMS

*PAYMENT WINDOW: FEBRUARY 1 - 21
(FOR EXAMS CORRESPONDING TO
SPRING-ONLY COURSES)*

EXAM DATES: May 2021

Online payment for AP Exams corresponding to **SPRING-ONLY COURSES** will take place February 1-February 21, with a late payment window occurring February 22 – February 26 (a \$10 late fee will be added to each registration). No additional payments will be accepted after February 26, due to the final exam ordering deadline set by the College Board. The fee for exams corresponding to AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics, AP Government and AP Comparative Government is \$100. Parents of students enrolled in a spring-only AP class will receive detailed information in late January about the payment process, via parent messenger. With this in mind, please make sure the school has your most updated email for communication.

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This payment process for AP Exams is **IN ADDITION** to students joining their AP class(es) in their College Board/AP Classroom accounts. Students must complete both of these steps in order to take an AP exam in May of 2021.

PLEASE NOTE - Payment to take the College Board's Advanced Placement exams corresponding to summer, independent study, fall-only and year-long courses ran from September 28 – October 11, with a late payment window occurring October 12 – October 16. **The payment window for these exams has closed.**

Exams will be given the month of May 2021. Information about the test schedule and the exam payment process will be available in the Counseling Center and in the Counseling Canvas Course.

For more information about the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) program, please visit <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>.

TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

To request testing accommodations, please visit the CHS Counseling Canvas page, under the Testing section for instructions. Contact Stephanie Payne spayne@ccs.k12.in.us with questions.



STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION

We recommend that students who plan to attend college take both the SAT and the ACT at least one time during the winter/spring of their junior year. Because most colleges will consider the highest combination of any college admission test scores presented with an application, many students will take either the SAT or ACT two times prior to their senior year.

The ACT will be given at CHS on February 6 and April 17. The ACT is also offered at other testing locations on June 12, and July 17. The SAT will be given on March 13, May 8, and June 5 at Carmel High School. Registration is online at either www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org. The cost for the SAT is \$52 or \$68 with the optional writing section. The ACT costs \$55 or \$70 with the optional writing section. Most colleges are **NO LONGER** requiring the writing section, so plan ahead to see if you need to take either test with writing or without. Be sure to include the Carmel High School code (150445) with your registration. **We also encourage you to select up to four colleges to have your test scores sent directly.** This is offered as a part of your registration process for both the SAT and ACT tests and is free of charge.

A few highly selective colleges require the SAT Subject Tests. If a student is concluding the study of a subject this spring, he/she may want to consider taking the appropriate SAT Subject Test in June.

Please keep in mind that standardized testing is only part of all the information that represents and presents students and their accomplishments. For most colleges and universities, the most important part of the student's record is the quality of the student's academic course work and the grades that they have earned in those classes. For highly selective schools, the quality of the student's character and her/his leadership in school and/or community activities weigh heavily.

Be sure to take advantage of the FREE online SAT test prep available through your PSAT scores and the Khan Academy. You can find this information within your College Board account. For additional test prep opportunities, please visit our Canvas Counseling Course.

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FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY: GET HELP COMPLETING THE FAFSA AT THE UPCOMING VIRTUAL COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY - MARCH 7TH AT 2:00 P.M.

College Goal Sunday provides Indiana college-bound seniors an opportunity to receive assistance with completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This Spring 2021 event will be virtual. Volunteers (many of whom are from college financial aid offices) who will walk you through the process of completing the FAFSA and answer your questions. For further information about College Goal Sunday visit the website at www.collegegoalsunday.org. NOTE: Every college-bound senior should file a FAFSA regardless of their current financial situation. Students must complete the FAFSA to be considered for grants, loans, and work study programs at the state and federal level. Many schools require completion of the FAFSA for consideration of school sponsored merit-based aid as well as need-based aid. The FAFSA application became available on October 1st and the deadline to submit the FAFSA in Indiana is April 15th. Visit www.fafsa.gov for more information about the FAFSA.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS LIST IN NAVIANCE STUDENT

Seniors searching for scholarship resources should check the scholarship list in Naviance Student regularly. These scholarships are primarily local in nature and provide opportunities to supplement the aid that colleges and universities offer as part of their financial aid packages. Scholarships are updated year-round as the most updated information is received. It is a good idea for seniors to check the list weekly to make sure they stay aware of all opportunities.

CARMEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CEF) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHS STUDENTS

Founded in 1966, the Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) has as its mission to support the academic achievement of Carmel Clay students through scholarships and teacher grants. Over its 45-year history, CEF has provided more than \$1.7 million in scholarships to CHS graduates. CEF offers over 80 scholarships. These scholarships have specific eligibility requirements that differ from scholarship-to-scholarship, such as evidence of financial need, academic achievement, leadership, extracurricular involvement, etc.

Any CHS senior pursuing higher education by attending a college, university, or vocational school is invited to apply for a CEF scholarship. The online application form and instructions for CEF's 2021 scholarships can be found at <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships>. The CEF scholarship application MUST be submitted no later than March 19, 2021. For more information, contact the Carmel Education Foundation at (317) 844-9961 x-2680 or email foundation@ccs.k12.in.us.

SCHOLARSHIP CONFIRMATION FORMS: SENIORS REPORT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS!

If your student has earned a scholarship, please submit a copy of the official confirmation letter, including the amount, to Mrs. Melinda Stephan or Mrs. Julie Van Buren in the counseling center. Please submit only those confirmed college scholarships for the school the student will be attending. All monetary information will remain confidential. Submission of confirmations will enable your student to be recognized in the graduation program. The last day to submit scholarship confirmations for recognition is Monday, May 3, 2021. Due to coordination and printing deadlines, any awards received after this date may not be included for recognition in the graduation program. The scholarship confirmation form is available in the Counseling Canvas Course.

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CHS College & Career Advisors are ready to help ALL CHS students identify options for continuing their education and/or identifying career options once they graduate. No matter where students are in the process, we can help. Students in all grades are encouraged and welcome to make an appointment! Students can request an appointment for themselves as well as with their parent by using the link below. Students should be sure to mark "College & Career Resource Center Appointment Request" as their reason for visit. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdkihk8nxthpFy3F1kfVEUvSiCbc23OjhaUegM-ayTKTdfHkA/viewform>

JUNIOR STUDENTS - COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING PRESENTATION

In mid-March, all juniors will be invited to view a virtual College & Career Planning presentation. In this presentation (typically presented during SSRT), CCRC staff will provide information about the process for finding a college fit, advice on steps students should be taking related to the application process, access to tools and resources to support their college search, and encouragement that there is a post-secondary education option for all students who graduate from Carmel High School. More information about this presentation will be sent to juniors and their parents in mid-March.

COLLEGE & CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CCRC) PROGRAMMING EVENTS FOR SPRING 2021

Please keep an eye out for the following upcoming virtual programs offered by the CCRC during the spring semester. If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Stephan, College & Career Programming and Resources Coordinator at 317-571-5922 ext. 7482 or email at mstephan@ccs.k12.in.us.

MILITARY OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: ACADEMIES, ROTC, & MORE! – EARLY FEBRUARY

Students exploring military service academy options, ROTC opportunities or general military options after high school are encouraged to take advantage of this virtual program in order to understand the various options as well as the application timeline and process.

CAREER EXPLORATION BOOT CAMPS: SSRT (IN-PERSON) – SPRING 2021 MULTIPLE DATES

During these sessions, students will learn about the career exploration process, review assessments and resources in Naviance, and leave with next steps for exploring career options. Participants will have an opportunity to follow-up the group session with an individual session with a College & Career Resource Center Counselor. More details will be shared with students and parents in late-January.

9TH/10TH COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING VIRTUAL EVENT -- (MOST APPROPRIATE FOR 9TH AND 10TH GRADE PARENTS AND STUDENTS) LATE FEBRUARY/EARLY MARCH

This program is geared toward helping our younger students and their parents understand the post-secondary planning process. Recorded sessions will focus on topics related to academic preparation, career exploration, and the college search process. Look for more information about this event in February!

CHS PTO Counseling Update

January 12, 2021

CHS Counselors are currently working with juniors and current 8th grade students to schedule their classes for 2021-22.

- 10-12 Counselors will meet in-person and virtually with juniors January 19 – February 12th for individual advising meetings. Juniors received an email message on 1/8/21 from their counselor with instructions for scheduling their advising meeting. Counselors will ultimately schedule a meeting for those who don't request one.
- Monday, January 11th was Virtual Academic Transition Night for current 8th grade students. Families can view the virtual presentation and brief videos about elective courses at CHS using this [LINK](#). All 8th grade students were invited to join an 8th Grade Transition to CHS Canvas Course which provides detailed information about the scheduling process.

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- Parents of current CHS students can review this brief [video](#) outlining the scheduling process for the 2021-22 academic year.
- **General Scheduling Processes for all students include:**
 - » All scheduling information is being communicated to students through grade-level-specific scheduling modules in the Counseling Department Canvas Course. Students who have not accepted the Counseling Canvas Course invite should do so immediately. Parents who are observers in their student's Canvas account can view this information as well.
 - » **The CHS Program of Studies can be found electronically at** <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/chs/academics/program-of-studies>
 - » **Application Courses:** Some courses at CHS require an application for approval. The deadline to submit these applications is February 3rd. A list of courses requiring applications is included in the Canvas scheduling modules.
 - » **Scheduling Note: Summer School:** Students should consider summer school options when planning their schedule for next year. Summer School options and registration process information will be updated in the Canvas scheduling modules as soon as it is confirmed. Counselors will discuss summer school options during individual advising meetings.
- **CHS Social Workers are working to support students and families!** The winter months can be a stressful and difficult time for students and families, especially during a Global Pandemic. Please remember that CHS Social Workers are here to help by collaborating with PTO to implement the backpack program; meeting individually with students, in person and virtually, to provide support for mental health, emotional needs, family crisis, and more; providing community resource information; guiding students through organizational and academic concerns.
- **AP exam registration for spring-only courses (Government, Comparative Government, and Economics) will begin in early February.** AP teachers in these courses are taking students through the process of signing up for AP Classroom on the College Board website prior to exam registration. Students in these courses (and their parents) will receive information via email about exam registration in the coming weeks.
- **The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opened on October 1st!** CHS Seniors received FAFSA information in October that included checklists for completing the FAFSA created by our partners at [InvestEd Indiana](#). You can find these checklists and other resources on their website. Families can complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov.



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- **Get help completing the FAFSA at the upcoming Virtual College Goal Sunday in the State of Indiana –Sunday, March 7th at 2:00 p.m.** College Goal Sunday provides Indiana college-bound seniors and their families an opportunity to receive assistance with completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Volunteers (many of whom are from college financial aid offices) will walk you through the process of completing the FAFSA and answer your questions. For further information about College Goal Sunday visit the website at www.collegegoalsunday.org.
- **It's scholarship season, and local scholarship information is beginning to come into the Counseling Office more frequently.** Seniors can browse scholarship opportunities that they may wish to pursue in the Scholarship List located in their Naviance Student account. Scholarship information is updated frequently from November through April, and seniors are encouraged to check Naviance Student regularly. **Specifically, the Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) offers over 90 local scholarships to CHS students.** The CEF scholarship application opened on December 18th. The deadline to submit the CEF application is March 19th. Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook or "follow" us on Twitter or Instagram for scholarship updates!
- **Scholarship Confirmation Forms: Seniors report your scholarship awards!** If your student has earned a scholarship, please submit a copy of the official confirmation letter, including the amount, to Mrs. Melinda Stephan or Mrs. Julie VanBuren in the counseling center. Please submit only those confirmed college scholarships for the school the student will be attending. All monetary information will remain confidential. Submission of confirmations will enable your student to be recognized in the graduation program. The last day to submit scholarship confirmations for recognition is Monday, May 3, 2021. Due to coordination and printing deadlines, any awards received after this date may not be included for recognition in the graduation program. The scholarship confirmation form is available in the Counseling Canvas Course.
- **Virtual College & Career Programming is in the works!** With the current limitations on visitors in the building and social distancing guidelines, we are working in the CCRC to move some of our more popular college & career programming to a virtual format as well as add some new programming. Please keep your eyes open for virtual programming opportunities during the Spring Semester related to Military Options After High School (Early February), the Freshman/Sophomore College & Career Planning Virtual Event (late February), and a Junior College & Career Planning Presentation (mid-March). We also plan to offer in-person Career Exploration Boot Camps during SSRT starting in February. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to these dates.
- **Mrs. Stephan, along with CHS College Advisors, Mrs. Ann Boldt and Mr. Pettibone, have met with and assisted over 400 students and families needing assistance with the college search and career exploration process since the start of the year!** We can help you too! Now is a great time for juniors to start thinking about making an appointment, but students in all grade levels are welcome to take advantage of our services. College Advisors are in the office everyday between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m.! Students can request an in-person or virtual appointment with a CCRC staff member by completing the electronic counseling appointment request [form](#). Parents may join these meetings virtually, if requested in the form. The CCRC is located in B107 across from the 10-12 Counseling Office.
- **Don't forget to use the following resources to learn more about the services and resources offered by the Counseling Department and the College & Career Resource Center (CCRC):**
 - » Visit the Counseling Canvas Course to see a variety of resources
 - » Make use of the CHS [Virtual Mindfulness Room](#)
 - » Like us on Facebook at "Carmel High School College Counseling"
 - » Follow us on Twitter @CHSCollege411 and @counselingatchs
 - » Follow us on Instagram @chscollegecareer



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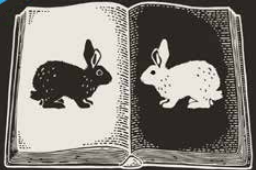


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<https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/pto-chs/meetings>

CHS Groups & Individuals Rally to Support Backpack Program

Last October through December, numerous groups and individuals donated more than \$3000 and thousands of food items to benefit the CHS PTO Backpack Program, which provides food on the weekends for Carmel High School students. As a result, during the first semester the program was able to distribute 1,160 bags, and more than \$3500 in grocery store gift cards for fall, Thanksgiving, and winter breaks.

We are grateful to the following entities for their contributions and partnerships:

- **Carmel Tri Kappa** – The local service sorority partnered with the Backpack Program six years ago. Carmel Tri Kappa contributes financially and coordinates three food drives annually.
- **CHS PTO Members** – CHS parents donated grocery store gift cards, contributed financially, and volunteered for the program. We would not be successful without their ongoing support.

Additionally, three Carmel High School groups conducted food drives and donated financially to benefit the program. Each of the following initiatives enabled us to serve additional CCS students:

- **CHS Choir Department** - The ten CHS choirs participated in the Holiday Spectacular Food Drive by donating more than 3,500 food items.
- **CHS Marching Greyhounds** – Marching band members generously supported our program with a food drive during their end of the season recognition night.
- **CHS Staff** - The CHS staff participated in a food and financial donation drive in December. It was a huge success with many boxes of items collected throughout the school.

We sincerely thank all these donors for their kindness. The CHS PTO Backpack Program relies entirely on donations and we are extremely grateful for the many groups and individuals that supported us the first semester. Through working together, we are meeting the needs of students during this very challenging time. If you are interested in learning more about how you can support our program by volunteering, donating financially, or donating food items, please e-mail CHSbackpackprogram@gmail.com or visit the PTO website for additional information regarding the Backpack Program.

Gradfest Information

For the past 35+ years, CHS Gradfest has been held annually the night of Graduation. It is a safe, free event for all CHS Seniors. The Gradfest Committee meets once a month during the school year to plan this amazing event.

After the 2020-21 School Year ALL except 2 of these positions will NEED TO BE FILLED because the rest will have Graduates and will not return!! Bring a friend! If you are a **Freshman, Sophomore or Junior Parent**, please join the fun and help make each SENIOR CLASS CELEBRATION Awesome! You can check out our website at CarmelGradfest.com.

Contact Kimberli Boston Smith at bostonboston@sbcglobal.net to get connected with us today!

COMMITTEE TITLE	JOB DESCRIPTION
Co-Chairs (2)	Oversee all of the position, set up and run monthly meetings, attend PTO Meetings.
Spirit Gear Coordinator	Help with collecting Spirit gear from the CHS Bookstore, setting up at events during the school year and returning the gear to the bookstore after the event.
Games Coordinator	Ensure the existing games have all their, ordering a few games from Party Tree Rental, design new games if desired and setting up the games for the event. You will also work with the Volunteer Coordinator to ensure games have the correct number of workers.
Volunteer Coordinator	Create and monitor the Sign-Up Genius to ensure all volunteer positions are filled for the night of the event.
Treasurer	General financial oversight of all Gradfest Funds.
Donations Coordinator	Collect donations from local business throughout the year. Plan fundraising events at local restaurants or business. Work with CHS administration to communicate with Senior Parents for donations.
Game Prizes Coordinator	Collect prizes throughout the year to be given away at the event. You will purchase everything from socks to pop up chairs and coffee makers to blankets! This Committee member will need a place to store the prizes until the night of the event. They will have a team of people to get the prizes to the Freshman Center.
Door Prizes Coordinator	Purchase prizes, larger ticket items such as microwaves and mini fridges, to be given away as door prizes. You will need to be able to store the prizes until the night of the event.
Refreshments Coordinator	Coordinate, purchase and serve all of the refreshments to the seniors the night of the event.
Social Media Coordinator	Get the word out about Gradfest to both the Seniors and their parents. Maintain the Gradfest Facebook and Twitter accounts, work with WHJE, CHTV and CHS Staff to create Gradfest Announcements. Put ads in the HiLite school Paper and Current in Carmel and work with Mr. Schaller to sent emails out to Senior Parents.
Set up/Clean Up Coordinator	Work with the Game Committee Coordinator to set up the games, signs, tables, chairs for the event. Clean up after the event.
Student Check-in Coordinator	Work to ensure that all the Graduates are checked in the night of the event.
Security Coordinator	Work with Amy Skeens-Benton to ensure Police coverage the night of the event. Coordinate volunteers to administer breathalyzers to each student.