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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DR. TOM HARMAS

As we near the end of the 2020-2021 school year, we do so with a mix of emotions. There is a sense of loss over what we considered "normal" activities that were impossible to hold this year, thankfulness for what we have been able to accomplish, and an overwhelming sense of pride in our students, staff, and families. I hope each of you realizes the amazing things you have done this year. You deserve to be proud of your resiliency, dedication, and resourcefulness.

This dedication is seen in our Performing Arts Department's spring events available for the community. Our choir programs will present two concerts including: *Ear Candy*, a Select Sound in-person concert on April 22 and *Love is Here to Stay*, an Accents in-person concert on April 25 put on in conjunction with the Great American Songbook Foundation. Our drama department will present Theater Arts Recitals on various dates in April. Carmel Jazz Band presents *Jazz a la Mode* on April 23 & 24. Finally, you won't want to miss the Spring Musical, *Mamma Mia!*, beginning on May 6 running through May 8.

If you want to see more Greyhounds in action, our spring sports schedule is in full swing. After returning from spring break, please come out to support the Hounds on the track, field, or diamond.

Our spring calendar is also a reflection of our staff's resourcefulness in welcoming our newest Greyhounds. We are excited to host our 2021-2022 freshman class and their parents in virtual Frosh Rock on April 15, an event that allows our 8th graders to learn about all the special opportunities for involvement at Carmel High School.

In addition to welcoming our incoming freshman class, we conclude the year, honoring and celebrating our seniors. On April 19, we will honor our Top Scholars with an in-person celebration. The celebration continues for all of our seniors for graduation on May 27th at Pepsi Coliseum and on May 28th, *Monte Carlo Under the Stars*, a combined Senior-Only Prom and Gradfest at Murray Stadium. All of these events promise to be wonderful send-offs for our senior class.

Once the school year concludes, summer will continue to be a busy time at Carmel High School as crews begin construction on much needed updates to our Performing Arts department. Due to the loss of some current parking spots at the front of the building, there will be construction of a new parking lot north of the building. If you are visiting Carmel High School this summer, please watch for new traffic patterns.

Before we head off to a well-deserved summer break, I would like to take a moment to once again thank our students, staff, parents, and PTO for all you have done to make 2020-2021 a successful year. Special thanks go to our seniors. Your leadership this year has been exceptional, especially considering this very difficult year. We would not have had a successful year without your perseverance and dedication. I would also like to publicly thank our Administrative Team and Department Chairs for all of the additional behind-the-scenes planning, preparation, and implementation they have done. This team is always outstanding, but this year they were off-the-charts spectacular.

I wish each of you a wonderful summer and look forward to the 2021-2022 school year.

Thomas L. Harmas

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The CHS Staff and Gradfest Team are excited to give our 2021 Seniors a Celebration like none other!

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To find out more information, check out our [CHS SENIOR CELEBRATION WEBSITE](#).

Or use the quick links below to get involved now!

Donate to the Senior Celebration [HERE](#) Once you get to the PTO Website, scroll down and click the link to Donate to GRADFEST SENIOR PARTY DONATIONS. Thank you!

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Order a 2021 Senior Yard Sign (all proceeds go to this event) click [HERE](#)

Order CHS Spirit Wear for the whole family, click [HERE](#) to support CHS!

If you have questions, please reach out to Kimberli Boston-Smith at bostonboston@sbcglobal.net.

We look forward to celebrating all our 2021 CHS Seniors on May 28th!

Teacher Appreciation Project

If you are interested in writing to a CHS teacher, simply sign up using the Sign-Up Genius Link. You may sign up for more than one teacher, but be sure if you are signing up for multiple teachers, you have enough time to write to all of them. Also, if a teacher is already taken on the sign-up sheet, you are still able to write to that teacher. The more letters for our teachers, the better! We ask that if you do sign up, that you follow through on your commitment.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BACAD23AAFFC70-teacher>

When addressing the letters, here is the format of how the letters should be addressed:

- Teacher's first and last name
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- 520 East Main Street
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We are so grateful to the community members and CHS staff and students who donated to the CHS PTO Backpack Program this winter. The program provides food on the weekends for Carmel students who have extra nutritional needs.

The following groups conducted food drives and contributed financially, enabling the program to serve additional CCS students now and in the future:

- **CHS staff & students**- Food drive during the Culture of Care Month
- **Carmel Tri Kappa** – Members donated \$500 and conducted another food drive.
- **CHS Swim Team**- Food drive
- **St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**- Food donations

In addition, we received several financial and gift card donations from community members. We sincerely thank all of these donors for their kindness. The CHS PTO Backpack Program relies entirely on donations and volunteers. We are extremely grateful for the many groups and individuals that have supported us over the last few months.

If you would like to assist with the Program, please visit the PTO website [here](#) for additional information. Food donations are accepted year-round and can be dropped off outside the Freshman Center office (door #13) during school hours. Grocery gift cards to Meijer or Kroger can be dropped off directly to the Freshman center office staff.

This spring, we are in need of additional gift cards to send home for the summer. Gift cards can be purchased and donated or you can donate directly via the website and we will use those donations to purchase gift cards as well as fresh fruit and other needed items.

Please contact Jennifer Cassidy or Darlene Mundy at CHSBackpackProgram@gmail.com with any questions.



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Upon our return from spring break, there will be just three weeks until the start of 2021 AP Exams. While we will send additional details about what to bring to your exams along with reminders about when and where to report, we want to provide some information now to help you plan for what to expect during the AP Exam period. Significant things you need to know and consider include:

1. Morning AP Exams start at 8:00 a.m., even though the school day at CHS begins at 8:45. If you are taking morning exams, you are expected to arrive at your testing location no later than 7:30 a.m. This is true on late-start days as well.
2. Afternoon AP Exams start at 12:00 p.m. (noon). If you are taking afternoon exams, you are expected to arrive at your testing location no later than 11:45 a.m. Since the lunch period does not start until 11:55 each day, students with afternoon exams will be released from their second period class at 11:15 a.m. The cafeteria will be ready to start serving students taking AP exams at that time. NOTE: if you have a morning and afternoon exam on the same day, you will need to bring your own food to eat between exams.
3. Some afternoon AP Exams may not end prior to the end of the school day. Students will not be allowed to leave the exam early and should make appropriate arrangements regarding transportation or late arrival to sports practices and/or a job.
4. If you have decided not to take a test (for any reason), please cancel your exam in Total Registration by Thursday, April 29, 2021 for a full refund.

Thank you for considering the information we've shared above and for planning ahead to ensure that your testing experience is a positive one. Please continue to read your email regularly, such as exam room assignments, to be sure that you are receiving the most up-to-date information about your upcoming AP Exams.

SUMMER SCHOOL-GENERAL REMINDERS

Indiana Online Academy Summer School Registration: The window for CHS students registering for IOA's summer school opened November 1st and will close Friday, May 28th. **(NOTE: registration for PE I & PE II closed on March 1.)** IOA summer courses run June 7th- July 18th. To register, go to <https://indianaonlineacademy.org> and follow the link to enroll for the summer session. You will need to have your student's CHS ID available when you register. CHS students may register for College Entrance Preparation, any course a student is eligible to take under the CHS retake policy, any course a student has failed, or a math course to get back on sequence (students cannot take a math course to work ahead unless the student is trying to get back on track in math). There is no charge for CHS students taking courses through IOA. At this time registration for PE I and PE II is closed. The registration deadline for PE courses was March 1.

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COUNSELING CENTER SUMMER HOURS

The Counseling Center summer hours begin on Tuesday, June 1st. The office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The office will be closed on Fridays. The Freshman Center counseling office will be closed starting June 1st –and will re-open on Wednesday, July 28th. All district offices will be closed July 5th in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

A counselor will be available each day the Counseling Center is open. For scheduling and enrollment purposes, call to schedule an appointment. You can contact the CHS Counseling Center at 317-571-5922.

COURSE SELECTION FOR 2021-2022/SCHEDULE CHANGE REMINDER

By now, all of our students have met with their counselors to choose their classes for the next academic year.

The next step in scheduling for the coming year is to build the master schedule of classes. Because the master schedule (and staffing) is based on the number of students who have requested various courses, as the work of finalizing the schedule is in progress, we no longer have the flexibility to accommodate every request for changes to students' course choices. Between March 1 and May 1, changes to students' course selections can be made only if space is available in the requested class. Please note May 1 is the final date for changes in schedules for both the first and second semester classes for the 2021-2022 school year.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Sixty-one Carmel High School seniors have been named as National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists. Finalists will receive a Certificate of Merit from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, and many of these students are being considered for National Merit Scholarships as well as scholarships from their first-choice colleges and universities. Finalists include:

Rhea Lily Acharya, Arney a V. Belamkar, Matthew J. Beringer, Nimish S. Bhat, Janvi Bhatia, Quinn D. Bright, Suraj K. Chandramouli, Angela Chen, Briana A. Chen, Elijah T. Choi, Chloe K. Chui, Matthew N. Daly, Emma D. Domke, Edward Dong, Jennifer Y. Du, Owen A. Eckart, Zoe I. Edwards, Marvin X. Fan, Benjamin I. Fang, Joshua M. Friedman, Andrew L. Fulkerson, Robbie Ge, Connor A. Gioia, Joseph D. Hall, Shea J. Harrell, Lillian Haoming He, Nicholas M. Hsu, Brandon B. Huang, Nicholas A. Ivan, Ethan Maddox, Johns Neal S. Joshi, Hannah G. Kim, Sarah E. Konrad, Lauren J. Lee, Mihir Mahajan, Christopher Gray Martens, Benjamin R. Martin, Raymond Y. Mo, Kyle E. Mundy, Erik C. Nelson, Akhil J. Paleru, Jordan A. Paraboschi, Samuel C. Peterson, Matthew J. Placzek, William M. Plumb, Ashwin V. Prasad, Nishita Prasad, Lalith Roopesh, Andrew J. Sanchez, Felicia E. Sanders, Esha Sharma, Jack W. Snelling, Bradley J. Snyder, Carol O. Syverson, Alex M. Van Bibber, Olivia S. White, Grace D. Xu, Brian Yuan, Emma J. Zhang, James Zhang, and Wendy Zhu.

SCHOLARSHIP CONFIRMATIONS

All CHS seniors who have earned scholarships are asked to submit a scholarship confirmation form to the CHS counseling office WITH a copy of the official scholarship notification letter(s). Please note that we ask seniors to submit only those confirmed college scholarships for the school the student will be attending. All financial information will remain confidential.

Submission of the scholarship confirmation form and notification letters will enable your child to be recognized in the commencement bulletin.

The last day to submit scholarship confirmations for recognition in the commencement bulletin is **Monday, May 3rd**. The scholarship confirmation form can be obtained from the Counseling Office and the CHS Counseling Department canvas course in the CCRC section.

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TESTING INFORMATION

The SAT will be offered at Carmel High School on May 8 and June 5. Juniors should register at www.collegeboard.org by April 8 for the May SAT and by May 6 for the June SAT.

The ACT will NOT be offered at Carmel High School on June 12 or July 17 but will be offered at various locations around the area. Juniors should register at www.act.org by May 7 for the June ACT and by June 18 for the July ACT.

CLASS OF 2022 & THE ACT/SAT

The first SAT will be on August 28. Registration for this test will open sometime in April. The second test date will be October 2 with a registration deadline around September 6. Students can register at the SAT website, www.collegeboard.org.

The first ACT test will be September 11. The registration deadline will be around August 6. You can register at the ACT website, www.act.org.

We encourage you to send your test scores to 4 colleges for FREE within your registration process for the SAT and the ACT. Colleges will ultimately look at your highest test scores submitted to consider you for admission. If you wait to send your scores later, you will have to pay a fee for each college and run the risk of your test scores not arriving by your college application deadlines. Please note that both Indiana University and Purdue University, among other universities, will require your test scores (both SAT and ACT) to be received directly from the testing company.

Since many colleges are now TEST OPTIONAL with your college application, you can still send your SAT or ACT scores to schools through the registration process and decide later whether or not to submit your scores for admission. Even if you have submitted test scores to colleges, if you indicate you do NOT want test scores considered for admission, then the school will not include the test scores previously sent in your admission consideration.

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.

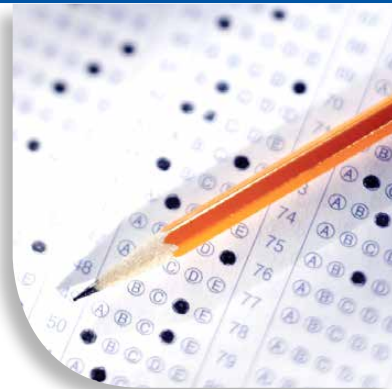
NOTICE TO PARENTS REQUESTING SAT/PSAT/AP/ACT ACCOMMODATIONS

For more information on applying for accommodations for College testing please visit the counseling canvas page, under testing please select, "Testing Accommodations." If you have any questions please reach out to Stephanie Payne. (spayne@ccs.k12.in.us)

<https://carmel.instructure.com/courses/26083/pages/testing>

FINAL REPORT CARDS

Final report cards for the 2020-2021 school year will be emailed through secure document delivery on Friday, May 28. Please examine all final grades carefully. If you believe there is a grading error, please email the teacher. If the teacher is unavailable or does not respond within a week, then you should contact Maria Pacalo in the Counseling Center at 571-5922 ext. 7431 for help in contacting the teacher to resolve any grade questions.





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LOGIN TO NAVIANCE STUDENT:

Selecting the College the student will attend

1. Select **Colleges I am applying to**
2. Under the **College that I'm attending** section, click on the drop-down menu
3. Select the college where the student will attend
4. Select **Update**

Requesting the Final Transcript

1. Select **Colleges I am applying to**
2. Select **Edit** to indicate your admission **RESULT** for that college; i.e. Accepted
3. Select **Save College Application**
4. Select **+REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS**
5. **What type of transcript are you requesting?** Check **Final**
6. **Where are you sending the transcript?** Click drop-down menu and then select the college whom you would like to receive your Final Transcript.
7. Select **Done**

Please note that we do not mail final transcripts to graduating seniors, but you are welcome to stop by the Counseling Center any time after June 30 to pick up a copy. You may call Maria Pacalo at 317-571-5922 Ext. 7431 or email her at mpacalo@ccs.k12.in.us. Parents of graduating seniors may get transcripts through the summer months, but after September 1, only the graduate will be allowed access to any of his/her Carmel High School records. Remember your PowerSchool account will be de-activated shortly after graduation.

PHONE, ADDRESS AND EMAIL UPDATE REMINDER

Parents - please remember to notify the school with updated contact information. This includes home address, primary contact numbers and email addresses. Now that the school is using phone and email communication for most of the important school information and announcements, it is vital that we have correct phone numbers and email addresses. You can contact the Counseling Center with any changes by emailing either Pat Barker at pbarker@ccs.k12.in.us or Julie Van Buren at jvanbure@ccs.k12.in.us. If updating your address we will need TWO proofs of the new residence which include a gas or electric bill AND one of the following: lease agreement, settlement statement, warranty deed, homeowner's insurance policy or mortgage statement.

NEED HELP PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL? THE CCRC CAN HELP!

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/1FAIpQLSdkih8NxtHpFy3F1kVEUvSiCbc23OjhaUegM-ayTKTdfHkA/viewform>

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CLASS OF 2022...NEED HELP UNDERSTANDING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS?

Are you wondering what your rising seniors can be doing to prepare for the college application process? Be sure to watch the *10 Things To Do Before You Start Senior Year* [video presentation](#). The goal of the presentation is to provide a road map for next steps, no matter where they are in the process of planning for life after high school.

The CHS College & Career Resource Center has created a Class of 2022 Virtual College Application Boot Camp Course in Canvas that covers every aspect of the college search and application process. All CHS juniors will be invited to join the College Application Boot Camp Course after spring break. With this virtual format, you can work through the information, videos, and exercises on YOUR schedule as quickly or as slowly as you'd like! Summer would be an ideal time to work through this boot camp course in preparation for the Fall semester, when many students will be completing college applications. **NOTE:** there are no "assignments" or grades associated with the boot camp course, just a lot of useful information to help take the mystery out of the process.

Prior to the start of the 2021-22 school year, (tentatively scheduled for August 3rd and 4th), we will offer in-person college application and essay help sessions between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. At these help sessions, students can have drafts of their college essays reviewed and get help with application processes and questions. More details about how to sign up for a help session slot will be shared with you and your parents after spring break. While space will be limited during the help sessions in August, please know that additional opportunities to get help will be available!

Additionally, every fall semester, the College & Career Resource Center (CCRC) offers multiple opportunities for seniors to have college essays reviewed and get their application questions answered during SSRT group help sessions and/or individual appointments. The CCRC also sponsors several programs related to the college search and application process, financial aid resources, and more throughout the school year. We promise to let you know when and how to take advantage of these opportunities.

EXPLORING COLLEGES AND CAREERS... WHERE TO START?

Planning for life after high school is a process that requires access to information, opportunities to explore, and first-hand experience. There are many paths that students can pursue, and narrowing down the options can seem daunting. If parents and students approach planning from the perspective of finding a good "fit", the process of identifying college and career options can prove enjoyable...and much less stressful! The following are suggested steps and resources to help students navigate this process:

1. **Students should take steps to understand how their interests, skills, and personality type fit with the world of work.** Students can start this self-exploration step by logging into their Naviance Student account to take career assessments, research careers, and identify educational pathways for a variety of career areas. To access Naviance, students can login to the CCS Student Portal using their usual login information and click on the Naviance icon. There is no separate username/password.
2. **Students should identify the criteria that is most important to them in finding a college fit.** They can do this by using college search tools in their Naviance Student account. These tools allow students to identify personal criteria and provides a list of schools that match that criteria. Also see our *Finding Your College Fit* quick guide in the Counseling Department Canvas Course.
3. Students should gather information about specific college options in order to determine which will prove to be the best fit. College/university websites are a great place to start this research about admissions requirements, majors/academic programs, special opportunities, and scholarships. Students should also take advantage of local and virtual college fairs as well as college admission rep visits to Carmel High School in the fall semester. These opportunities are highlighted in students' Naviance Student account and via social media.

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4. **Students should schedule a campus visit...or two!** (see the *Campus Visits* article) Or if you are unable to physically visit right now, check out the many programs offered by colleges/universities as well as virtual college tours available at www.youvisit.com/virtualrealityexperiences/colleges

5. **Students should identify opportunities to gain experience in areas of interest.** Students can gain exposure to potential majors and careers through their CHS coursework, part-time jobs, internships, volunteer/service work, summer programs, and more! This type of exposure helps students fine-tune their options and gets them excited about the possibilities! Many resources exist for finding these types of experiences including this comprehensive summer program database: www.teenlife.org. Also, see our *Making the Most of the Summer Months* quick guide in the Counseling Department Canvas Course.

Need additional guidance? Be sure to talk with your student's counselor and consider making an appointment with one of our CCRC College & Career Advisors [here](#).

INCLUDE CAMPUS VISITS IN YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH PLANS!

Campus visits are an excellent way for students and families to gather information about colleges and move closer to helping students find a good college fit. Parents are encouraged to help their student(s) plan visits to a variety of colleges and universities with the aim of providing exposure to a variety of campus environments (large/small, public/private, etc.) It is never too early to visit colleges, and often these visits serve as powerful motivators for students to strive to do their best academically and improve their candidacy for admissions.

Planning a campus visit is easy. Start by visiting the college/university website. Many visits can be arranged online, while others just require a call to the admissions office to set up the official visit. Most official visits include a campus tour as well as individual or group meetings with admissions representatives. Don't hesitate to ask if you can sit in a class, talk to professors/advisors, or talk to current students. The more information students can gather to make an informed decision, the better!

NOTE: many colleges and universities are starting to open their campuses to in-person visits, but even those that have not yet are offering a wide variety of virtual visit programs. Some schools are offering both in-person and virtual options to allow for greater access to students interested in their school! Check the admissions websites for colleges of interest to learn more about in-person and virtual visit opportunities.

For more information about college visits, read our College Campus Visits quick guide in the Counseling Department Canvas Course.



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CHS Counseling Update

CHS PTO COUNSELING UPDATE MARCH 2, 2021

- **March 1st was the deadline for students to make changes to their 2021-22 course requests for any reason.** Between March 2nd and May 1st, counselors can only make changes if there is room in a course. The final deadline to make schedule change requests for the entire 2021-22 school year is May 1st, 2021. Limited reasons for schedule changes after May 1st are listed in the Carmel High School Program of Studies.
- **All AP exam registration and payment has closed for May 2021 exams.** Students who did not register for an exam but wish to do so, can be placed on a waitlist, should someone cancel their exam. Students currently registered for an exam who wish to cancel their registration may receive a full-refund until April 30th. After April 30th, no refunds will be processed.
- **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.
- **Virtual College Exploration Opportunities.** While some colleges/universities are allowing for on-campus visits, the current global pandemic has limited the options for visiting campuses. There is no shortage of virtual college exploration opportunities though! Be sure to encourage your students to check the websites of their schools of interest to join virtual information sessions, student panels, and more. They should also check out these upcoming virtual college fair events:
- **National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) Virtual College Fairs** featuring more than 500 colleges and universities from the US and worldwide. February 28, March 7 (STEM), March 16 (Performing & Visual Arts), March 21, April 10 (Western US), April 20 (Southwestern US), and May 2. Register for free at www.virtualcollegefairs.org
- **Indiana Association for College Admission Counseling (INACAC) 6X6 Virtual College Fairs** on April 12th will allow students to learn about 6 schools at a time during 45-minute virtual sessions. Free registration will open in mid-February for both dates
- **The CCRC staff is currently working on plans for the College Application Boot Camp program to be offered during Summer 2021 for the Class of 2022.** The format will be different than previous summers, and details will be shared in mid-March. Please know that while much of the content typically delivered at an in-person boot camp will be virtual this year, we still plan to offer in-person opportunities in early-August for seniors to get help with applications and essays!

FINANCIAL AID PROCESS AND SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

- **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. Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook or "follow" us on Instagram and Twitter for scholarship updates!
- **The Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) offers over 100 local scholarships to CHS seniors.** The scholarship application opened on December 18th. The deadline to submit the CEF application is March 19th. Information can be found at: <http://www1.ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/Scholarships/>.
- **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.

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- **Mrs. Stephan, along with CHS College Advisors, Mrs. Ann Boldt and Mr. Pettibone, have met with and assisted nearly 500 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 our website at www.ccs.k12.in.us/chs/counseling and the Counseling Canvas course
 - › Like us on Facebook at "Carmel High School College Counseling"
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STAFF TESTIMONIALS

I love working in Food Services (12 years!) and will continue until I retire!
-Susie

CCS has been the hidden gem in my life as a chef. I never knew there was more to Food Service than what I was exposed to as a culinarian until I came here. I felt the warmth and love in the room and instantly wanted to be a part of this team! We are a family instead of a group of colleagues. Thank You CCS Family!
-Darnell

The hours are great and the pay is outstanding! I've made some good friends over the past 6 years working in Food Services - the atmosphere is amazing!
-Mitzi

It is wonderful to have summers, winter break, and spring break off, same as the students! You don't take the job home with you at the end of the day - you are done! It's nice to be part of a district that cares about staff & students!
-Beth

I started working at CHS about 10 years ago and I love it here! I love the team-work aspect of the job where we all work together to make something that students really enjoy. I also love seeing and interacting with the students each day and meeting new people. It is a rewarding job and I'm glad to be part of it!
-Mervat

I am home around the same time as my children, enabling me to spend time with them after school. My greatest enjoyment is serving and being around kids, and specifically kids with special needs, putting a smile on their faces!
-Lulu



CCS Food & Nutritional Services

We have put together a flyer in hopes of spreading the word of our recruitment efforts. Currently, we have full-time and substitute food service positions available. Recruitment is going on now for these existing open positions and for positions that will become available at the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Could you please help us get the word out – perhaps by including blurbs in your PTO newsletters, word of mouth, posting on bulletin boards and neighborhood groups, etc. for a while?

Any and all help is most appreciated.

Thank you for your efforts!

Graduation News

Graduation will be held on Thursday May 27th at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum. Carmel High School has been working with the HCHD as well as the MCHD to allow us to hold 4 in person ceremonies. These are organized by last name. Listed below are the times of the ceremonies.

- A – D will graduate at 10 AM
- E – K will graduate at 1 PM
- L – R will graduate at 4 PM
- S – Z will graduate at 7PM

At this time, only parents of graduates may attend the ceremony. If further COVID restrictions are lifted, we will communicate with families and allow more people to attend each of the 4 ceremonies. Specific details for the event will be sent to every graduate the first week of May concerning exact times for graduates to line up, appropriate dress under the cap and gown etc...

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In-Person Instruction Update Grades 6-12

Dear CCS Family,

Our administrative team in cooperation with the Carmel Teachers Association has gone through a very detailed evaluation of how we might return grades 6-12 to every day learning. Through this evaluation, we have determined that it is in the best interests of our students to remain in the hybrid model for the remaining 8 weeks of the school year for the following reasons:

CLASS SIZE AND BALANCE

We were not able to combine our student cohorts and keep classes balanced. Excluding typically large classes like band, choir, and orchestra, when we combined classes for everyday learning, CHS had 6 classes with over 50 students, 12 classes with 40-47 students and 8 classes with 35-37 students. We had very minimal opportunities to change student schedules to better balance classes and keep students with their current teachers.

At the middle school level, we had similar issues with each school having 30 to 50 classes with 35-43 students enrolled. The balancing process would result in over 100 students requiring a change of teacher.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

The larger classes noted above make any social distancing unmanageable. At CHS our current average lunch period now has approximately 560 students. Combining our cohorts would result in lunch periods of 1100-1200 in each of 4 lunch periods. This would require expansion into other areas of the building to create 3-6 feet of distance.

In our middle schools, the larger classes noted above make any social distancing unmanageable as well. Our middle school lunch periods currently have an average of about 110 students. Lunch periods would increase to 220-260 students again requiring expansion to other areas of the building to create 3-6 feet of distance.

TRANSPORTATION

Increased ridership as a result of combining the cohorts would result in over-crowding of busses which is already compounded by the shortage of bus drivers. We would anticipate an increase in the number of double bus routes where busses would pick up groups of students early, drop them off at school and go back out to pick up students on another route potentially causing delays in the start of school and in returning students home in the afternoon.

MOVING FORWARD

Our plan moving forward is to maintain the current hybrid schedule for the rest of the school year with the intention of returning to full-time, every day learning in the fall.

We will continue to work with our medical community and follow the safety precautions moving forward. We will also work with the school community at CHS and each middle school to create additional social opportunities and events where students who feel comfortable can safely gather before the end of the school year. In addition, we will continue to help students who may be struggling academically. Please reach out to your student's school counselor/social worker if your student needs support of any kind.

We are sorry for any additional stress or pressure this process has put on our students, staff, and families. We appreciate the feedback we have received from our school community from all sides. We will continue to communicate in real-time as this pandemic environment evolves and eventually comes to an end. Thank you for your patience, kindness and support through these complex and difficult times.

All for now,

Dr. B - Dr. Michael Beresford, *Superintendent*
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Free Summer Camp for Grade 8-12 Students by Ball State University

Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Defense, Ball State University is offering a free summer camp for students (Grade 8-12) to study Chinese language and culture in July, 2021. The location is our Fishers Building at 12175 Visionary Way, Fishers, IN 46038.

This is a great opportunity for your students to experience a fun college class early. Could you please pass the information to your students and their parents?

For more information, please visit <https://www.bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/modern-languages-classics/activities-opportunities/star-talk/>.