

**Christopher High School**

**Class of 2028**

**Welcome to Cougar Territory**



**COUGARPALOOZA**

# Beautiful State of the Art Facility







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# Always Striving to be the *BEST*

## Our High School's Priorities:

1. Provide a Safe Learning Environment
2. Provide Rigorous Academics and Expectations
3. Provide a Career & College Going Culture on Campus
4. Offer Competitive Athletic Programs
5. Offer a Wide Range of School Activities and Co-curricular Experiences for All Students

# Friendly and Helpful Administration



**Jeremy Dirks**  
**Principal**



**Julie Berggren**  
**Assistant Principal**



**Kay Guenther**  
**Assistant Principal**



# Department Chairs



**Mark Carrick**  
*Career Tech Education*



**Regina Wilson**  
*Special Education*



**Genea Goularte Mingus**  
*Visual and Performing Arts*



**Amanda Tellez**  
*Physical Education*



**Nicky Austin**  
*Science*



**Jeanne Baumgartner**  
*English*



**Sally Enriquez**  
*Social Studies*



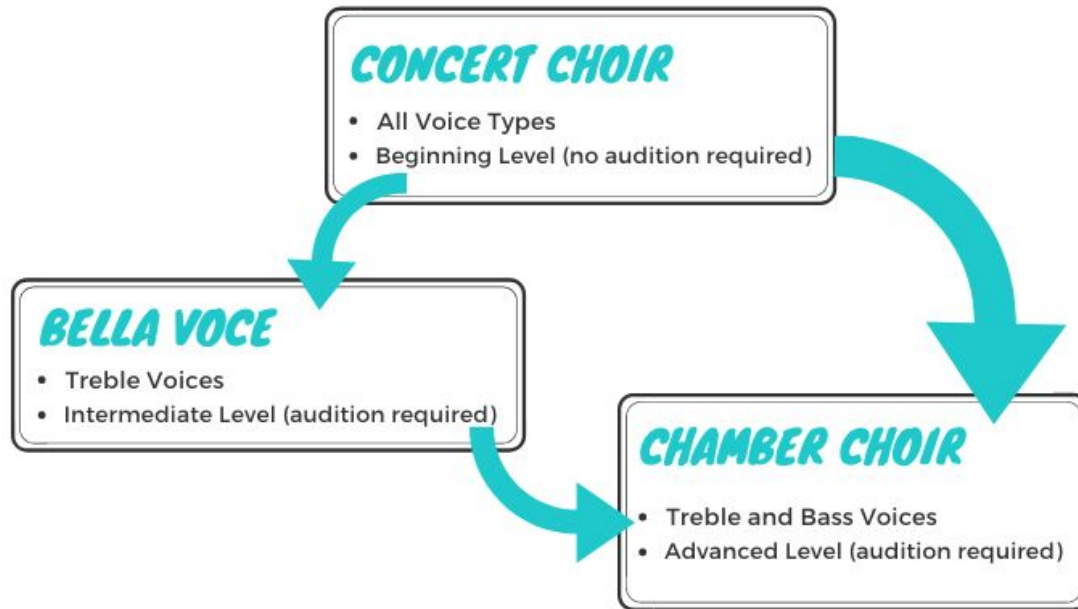
**Julie Mangono**  
*Math*



**Sonya Morley**  
*World Languages*

# CHS Chamber Choir

Director - Mr. Souza





# Stellar Academics



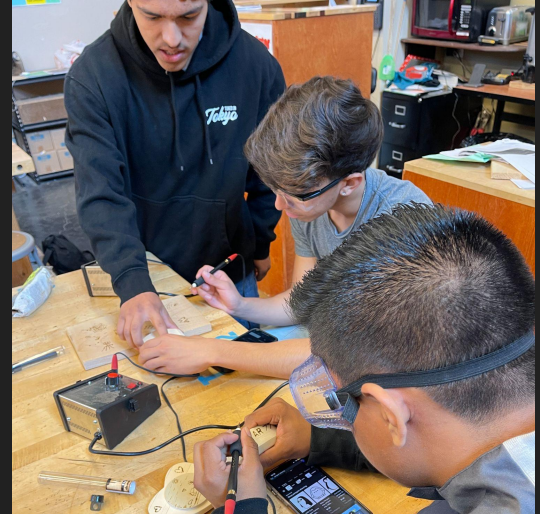
**to prepare you for college and beyond!**

# CHS

## Always Striving for the BEST!

### Unique programs and pathways

- Computer Science Academy
- Performing Arts
- Career / Technical Education





# Career & Technical Education



- Woodshop
- Digital Design
- PLTW - Computer Science
- Speech and Debate



- Yearbook
- Ceramics
- Drama
- Photography

# Visual and Performing Arts

- Ceramics I
- Drawing and Painting
- Drama I
- Symphonic Band
- Concert Choir
- Jazz Band
- Marching Band
- Color Guard
- Sculpture & Design
- Photography





# Meet Your Academic Coordinators



**Mrs. Kuwada**  
(Department Chair)

Students with last  
names beginning with:

**A - D**



**Mrs. Cid-Castro**

Students with last names  
beginning with:

**Kj - Q**



**Ms. Garibay**

Students with last  
names beginning with: **E**

**- Ki**



**Mrs. Maiorino**

Students with last names  
beginning with:

**R - Z**

# Role of the Academic Coordinator

## Work with Students Regarding:

- High School and College Requirements
- Class Registration
- Personal/Social
- College Counseling
- College Applications/  
Financial Aid Workshops
- So much more





# Resources Available for Students

- Academic Coordinators
- Personal/Social Support
- Support Groups
- On-Site Social Worker/Therapist
- Link Crew Leaders
- Peer Tutoring



# CHS Graduates . . . Where are They Now?

Arizona State  
Cal Poly SLO  
Cal State Long Beach  
Chapman  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth  
DeAnza College  
FIDM  
Gavilan College  
Harvard  
Hawaii Pacific  
Howard University  
MIT  
Notre Dame  
Pepperdine  
Sacramento State  
San Diego State  
San Francisco State  
San Jose State



Sonoma State  
St. Mary's  
Stanford  
Texas Tech  
U.S. Army  
U.S. Coast Guard  
U.S. Marine Corps  
U.S. Navy  
UC Berkeley  
UC Davis  
UC Santa Cruz  
UCLA  
University of Michigan  
University of Hawaii  
University of Oregon  
USC  
Vanguard  
West Valley College  
Yale University

# Registration Overview

1. Visit Incoming Freshmen Registration “Hub”
2. Use The Freshmen Hub and Course Catalog to discuss and determine freshman courses
3. Complete The Registration Survey
4. Meet with an Academic Coordinator at your middle school!





**ACs will be visiting each  
Middle School to meet with and  
finalize your student's course  
selection for the next school year!**

**SOUTH VALLEY – February 6**

**BROWNELL – February 7**

**GILROY PREP ACADEMY – February 8**

**SOLORSANO – February 8**

*If your student is absent and they do not complete the Registration Survey - their courses will be selected for them.*

## What classes do you take your freshman year?

Christopher High students should plan to take **six classes in a regular school year**. A typical freshman schedule is structured with four required subjects and two electives. *\*\* If a student chooses to enroll in a zero-period course, they will have seven classes.*



### Class 1

English I/English I Honors  
*required*



### Class 2

Math I/Math I+  
*required*



### Class 3

Biology I/Biology I Honors  
*required*



### Class 4

P.E.  
*required*



### Class 5

Spanish



### Class 6

Elective

# Honors Courses

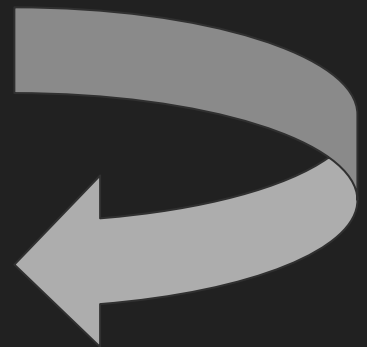
- **WHAT** - Accelerated course work, more depth of study and critical thinking than regular classes, emphasis on analytical & writing skills.
- **WHY** - More challenging & rigorous than regular content classes. Students better prepared for college.
- **WHO** - Students who ENJOY reading & writing, plan on taking AP classes in Junior & Senior years, CSU or UC bound students.



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Classes

- English I Honors
- Math I+ Honors
- Honors Biology (Recommended grade of B+ or higher in accelerated 8th gr science)
- *Must complete Honors/AP agreement form*

Complete this form BEFORE AC's visit the middle schools!!!





CHRISTOPHER HIGH  
Student Course Request  
&  
Supplemental Registration Questions

Section 1 of 11

Student Course Request and Supplemental  
Registration Questions

Hello! Please read each section carefully before answering. Remember that these are your requests. A number of factors go into registration and your school's Academic Coordinators will review your request, academic record, and any program placements before enrolling you into courses for the next school year.

**\*\*ALL COURSES ARE YEAR-LONG – NO CLASS CHANGES**

Email \*

Valid email

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# Honors/AP Contract

Christopher High School

Honors/Advanced Placement Course Student Agreement for 2024-2025

\*copy in Spanish available on our school website <https://chs.gilroyunified.org/student-services>

Christopher High School supports any student who wants to accept the challenges of an advanced level class. However, the opportunity to take an Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) course carries with it the assumption that the students taking these courses possess the maturity, commitment, and academic capabilities to do honors or college level work.

Honors and AP courses are meant to be a challenging learning experience that will prepare students for college success. Typically, successful Honors/AP students are task-oriented, proficient readers with a true desire to learn and who are able to time manage in order to keep up with the fast pace of the curriculum. Students and parents must understand that Honors and AP courses are more rigorous and require much more time than that of a regular college prep course. Please note that EACH AP test will cost approximately \$94 (per AP class taken) and must be paid for by NOVEMBER of 2024.

**\*\*AP Students:** You must take the AP exam in order to receive the extra grade point "bump" in an AP class. In addition, a grade of a "D" or "F" in the class will not receive a grade point bump. It is recommended that a student take no more than 3/Honors AP courses in a year.

This course agreement must be submitted before March 1, 2024 .

Staffing decisions have been made based on the number of students who have registered for each Honors/AP course. Students will not be dropped from an Honors/AP class after registration. Please consider this decision seriously.

*Students must complete this form in order to enroll in Honors courses. This is part of the registration form.*



# COUGARS: Work Hard, Play Hard



# AT CHRISTOPHER HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ARE ENDLESS



Gretchen Yoder-Schrock  
Activities Director



Adanna Ihenacho  
ASB President



# We Love Our Cougar Traditions!

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# Student Leadership Opportunities



# Clubs on Campus



# Find a Club or Start Your Own!



- Speech and Debate
- Future Health Professionals
- Bring Change to Mind BC2M
- American Red Cross
- California Scholarship Federation
- Planet Protectors
- National Art Honors Society
- Black Student Union
- Journalism Club
- Gender and Sexuality Alliance
- Chess Club
- Smash Bros Club
- Creative Coders
- Sister Cities Club
- and Many More!





# Cougar Spirit!



# What Our Students Have to Say

Why is it so **IMPORTANT** to get involved?

- *Athletics*
- *Clubs*
- *Leadership*
- *Choir*
- *Band*
- *Drama*
- *CSF*
- *NHS*



# COUGAR ATHLETICS



Ryan Dequin  
Athletic Director



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## Fall

Golf (G)

Cross-country (B&G)

Girls Field Hockey (G)

Football (B)

Water Polo (B&G)

Cheerleading/Dance

Volleyball (G)

Tennis (G)

# COUGAR ATHLETICS

## Winter

Wrestling (B&G)

Basketball (B&G)

Soccer (B&G)

Cheerleading/Dance





# COUGAR ATHLETICS

## Spring

Softball (G)

Baseball (B)

Volleyball (B)

Track (B & G)

Swimming (B & G)

Tennis (B)

Golf (B)

Lacrosse

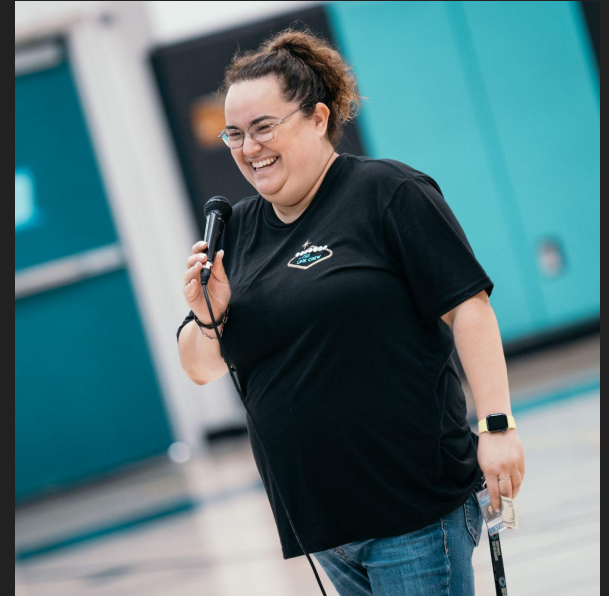
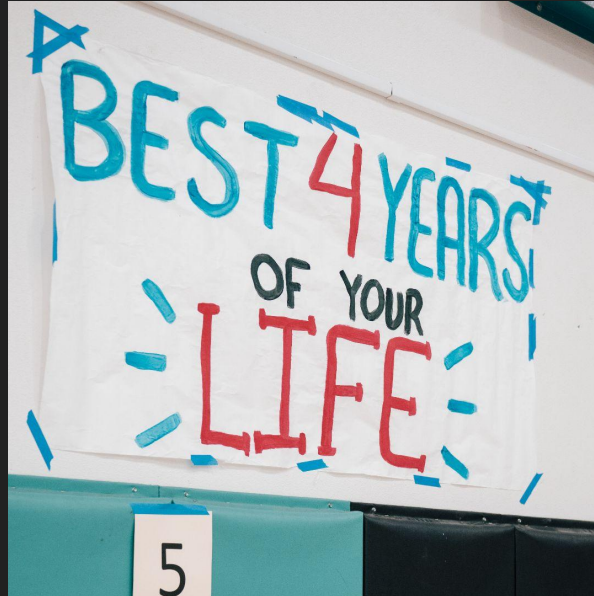
Badminton

Gymnastics





# Link Crew = FRESHMEN SUPPORT!



## WELCOME CLASS OF 2028

# FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

## AUGUST 15, 2024



**BE  
THERE!**





# Cheer and Dance Team





# NEXT STEPS

## In the Dance room (hallway)

- Academic Coordinators
- Enrollment Information
- Special Education

## In this gym

- Department Chairs - Academic Information
- Community Service Information

## Available in the Auxiliary Gym

- Club Fair
- Parent and Athletic Booster Clubs
- Athletics
- ASB/ Student Leadership information
- Student Store - Get your Cougar Gear!

**Thank You  
We Look Forward to Seeing  
You Next Year!**



**#WEARECOUGARSTRONG**

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**FRESHMEN HUB**

