

4/28/14

Dear Students and Parents,

MANDATORY AP Preregistration Session, Wednesday, April 30th at 7:30 AM: All students who have registered for AP exams MUST attend a preregistration meeting on Wednesday morning, April 30th at 7:30 AM in the theatre to fill out paperwork and prepare for testing if they did not attend last week. This session saves students time and stress on testing days. NOTE that students usually start school at 8:30 on Wednesdays; THIS IS AN EARLY START.

Budget Updates: Please see the district website (<http://chs.coronadousd.net/budget>) for the latest on budget projections, FAQs, and news. At this point, we are master scheduling with courses and staffing based on the proposed cuts approved by the School Board in February, which means fewer teachers and electives, and higher class sizes, among other cuts. Our plan is to reinstate courses and sections if the bond initiative passes in the election on June 3, 2014. We will continue to keep you posted on the effects of budget cuts on CHS programs as we plan for next year.

Campus Safety and Security: For the sake of consistency and the safety of our students and staff, we will be adhering to a practice of allowing visitors on our campus with advance approval from staff members and notification of the front office. If visitors have not made prior arrangements with a teacher, we will encourage them to contact them for a later appointment. While we wish to continue to welcome former students and other visitors to our campus, we also want to avoid unannounced visits and interruptions to instruction and apply consistent standards to our visitors' policy.

The family of a Palm Academy student involved in a serious bicycle accident last week which resulted in a head injury has asked us to relay the message of the importance of our students wearing buckled helmets and practicing safe and mindful (phone-free!) bicycle riding. We made a special announcement to our students about bike safety and appreciate your emphasis at home as well.

Summer School: CHS will be offering a limited summer school program for students in need of remediating failing grades, with priority given to graduating seniors and rising 12th graders. Families with students in need of credits will receive a letter in the mail; please stay tuned. Summer school dates will be June 9 through July 18.

Empty Bowls: We are proud to report that our ceramics classes' Empty Bowls fundraiser which benefits The Hunger Project raised a record-breaking \$25,000 this year! Thank you and congratulations to teacher Eric Rempe and his students, donors of auction items and soup, and volunteers who worked and coordinated the lively, communal event on our campus. We are so proud to model giving back to the community through curricular service projects such as Empty Bowls.

Testing: During the month of May we will host **AP exams** on our campus. Students are excused from classes during their testing time, but must attend regular CHS classes before and after exams, when possible (e.g., E Period). All exams begin at 8:00 AM or 12:00 PM and students may NOT be late or their exam will be forfeited (makeup tests are only available due to illness). We wish our students the best on these college-level exams and commend them for availing themselves of our school's most challenging curricula.

Senior Events and Graduation: We are looking forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating seniors in a series of events culminating in graduation ceremonies on Thursday, June 5, at 7:30 PM on Niedermeyer Field.

Assistant Principal Steve Abbott and I have been involved in discussions with the senior class regarding the **“traditions” of senior prank and ditch day**. We are proud of our senior class leaders’ willingness to engage in constructive and positive dialogue with us, and feel it is important that we share with parents the themes of our discussions with students regarding these two activities.

For reasons of liability, our concerns about student safety and wellbeing and the condition of our facilities, and our desire to preserve relationships among students and between students and staff forged over four years, we cannot condone an unsupervised and unchaperoned senior prank. We are discussing alternatives with senior class members and appreciate the Class of 2014 for their willingness to consider other options.

We are excited about the opportunities and privileges earned by the senior class and offered by CHS in celebration of their accomplishments, including an all-day Disneyland trip, late start and Senior Breakfast the next day, and time built into the week of graduation for family celebrations. Please be aware that the school district and site cannot authorize a “Senior Ditch Day” and must respond to unexcused absences consistently, with consequences of Saturday School and/or Student Intervention Time, as appropriate. Students and parents should also be aware that any disciplinary infractions near the end of the year, as customary consequences may no longer be available to the administration, may affect participation in senior events and/or graduation ceremonies. Above all else, however, we want to emphasize that our teachers and staff members look forward to spending as much time with our graduating seniors as possible during their last weeks and days on our campus, for celebrations, reflections, and closure. We will miss our graduating seniors!

Have a great week, and Go Islanders!

**April 30 ASB Activity: *The Last Hoorah* (Carnival) / Quad / Lunch time
Musical Theatre Senior Showcase / Theatre / 7:00 PM**

May

- 1 Senior Dance Project / Black Box Theatre / 7:00 PM**
- 2 Colorado State University Visitation / CCC / 12:00 PM**
- Deadline for the Marilyn Foster Scholarship**
- 2&3 Spring Musical “Legally Blonde” / Theatre / 7:00 PM**
- 3 Saturday School / Rooms 303 & 602 / 8:00 AM - Noon**

May Continued

- 7 National School Nurse’s Day**
CUSD Military Spouses Meeting / CMS Conference Room / 8:30 – 9:45 AM
Swiss Education Group Visitation / Room 507 / 12:00 PM
ROP Awards Ceremony / Theatre / 5:30 PM
- 8 Military Parent Coffee / Room 701 / 1:00 – 2:00 PM**

- 8&9 Musical Theatre Rep Show / Black Box Theatre / 7:00 PM
- 10 Saturday School / Rooms 202 & 514 / 8:00 AM - Noon
Jazz Fest / Campus / All Day
- 12 Commendation Tea / Theatre / 3:00 PM
- 13 Musical Theatre Tour Group / Black Box Theatre / 7:00 PM
- 14 Band & Choir Concert / Theatre / 7:00 PM
- 15 ASB Activity: Chocolate Chip Cookie Day / Tiki Hut / Break
CUSD School Board Meeting / CUSD Board Room / 4:30 PM
NHS Induction Ceremony / Theatre / 7:00 PM
- 17 Saturday School / Rooms 507 & 602 / 8:00 AM – Noon
- 17&18 Shakespeare Intensive Performances / Black Box Theatre / 2:00 PM
- 20 Cap & Gown Pick-Up / Quad / Lunch time
Film & Animation Festival / Theatre / 2:15 & 7:00 PM
- 20-21 Digital Media Photo Exhibit / Theatre Lobby / 2:15 – 7:30 PM
- 21 Blood Drive / Gym / 6:30 AM – 2:00 PM
NJROTC Awards / Theatre / 7:00 PM
- 22 Chalk Walk / Quad / All Day
Military Parent Coffee / Room 701 / 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Musical Theatre Revue / Theatre / 7:00 PM
MTD Juries Begin / Black Box
- 23 Senior Yearbook Distribution / Window of the College & Career Center / Lunch time
Directing Scene Night / Black Box Theatre / 7:00 PM
- 26 Memorial Day – *Holiday*
- 27 Islander Awards / Grande Hall, Hotel Del / 7:00 PM *(Note time change from 6:00 PM)*
- 27-28 Senior Final Exams / Regular Block Schedule / E period FINAL on 5/27
- 27-30 CoSA Juries / Black Box
- 29 Senior Trip to Disneyland / Departure TBD / Returning approx. 10:00 PM
1A/1B Scene Night / Black Box Theatre / 7:00 PM
- 30 Senior Breakfast – MANDATORY / Venue TBD / 10:00 AM
Powder Puff Pep Rally / CHS Gym
Powder Puff Doge Ball Game / CHS Gym / 4:00 PM
- 31 CoSA Dance & Instrumental Music Combined Performance / Theatre / 7:00 PM

June

- 1 Baccalaureate - Optional / Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church / 4:00 PM
- 2 Senior Awards - MANDATORY / Theatre / 3:00 PM / *Students need to arrive by 2:15 in gowns*
- 3-5 Finals
- 4 Graduation Rehearsal – MANDATORY / Niedermeyer Football Field / 11:30 AM
- 5 Last Day of School
Senior Picture / Graduation Rehearsal –MANDATORY / Meet in gym for picture / 10:00 AM
Graduation / Niedermeyer Football Field / 7:30 PM *(Seniors MUST arrive at 6:00 PM)*
Graduation Reception / CHS Quad / Immediately following Graduation Ceremony
- 6 Last Teacher Day
- 19 CUSD School Board Meeting / CUSD Board Room / 4:30 PM
- 26 CUSD School Board Meeting / CUSD Board Room / 4:30 PM