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Culver City High School

Parent Newsletter

May/June 2015

CCHS is Answering the 4 Questions

Lisa Cooper, CCHS Principal

The 2014-2015 school year has been an exciting year for CCHS. We have seen a year of reflection, change and a focused culture of support for every student. CCHS collaborative teacher teams that function as Professional Learning Communities focused their work on the following four critical questions:

1. What do we want students to know and learn?
2. How will we know if they have learned it?
3. What will we do if they don't learn?
4. What will we do if they already know it?

Our PLC's have progressed with questions 1 & 2 with ongoing professional development and collaboration time. With a goal to provide school-wide systems that all students have access to, new programs were implemented this school year to provide intervention and enrichment for students within the school day. Centaur Plus, a 24-minute period twice a week provided students additional time to master essential standards while also providing opportunities of enrichment and extended learning.

At CCHS we strive to create a culture of students not only aspiring for their own academic success, but also for their peers and the school as a whole to be a successful learning environment. Mentors benefit from their participation by opportunities for community service hours, a letter of recommendation from school administration for college applications, and most importantly, a general sense of making a positive impact in the lives of fellow CCHS students.

Team 9/10, designed to support 9th and 10th grade students in need of additional support, guidance, and skills to be successful in the classroom through 11th/12th grade Chiron mentors. This program meets every day for a class period with a detailed daily routine for the Chiron to check in with their 9th/10th grade mentee and assist them in planning their weekly academic calendar. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew Leaders serve as positive role models, mentors and student leaders who guide freshmen to discover exactly what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school; Link Crew help facilitate freshman success.

CCHS Academic mentors work with students during Centaur Plus assisting with homework assignments, completing projects, preparing for test, developing organizational/study skills, and providing leadership through example. Academic Mentors are assigned to teachers during Centaur Plus in a subject area in which they excel.

The implementation of these new programs depended greatly on the support and collaboration of the entire CCHS staff. I would like to thank every CCHS staff member and acknowledge their commitment and dedication to seeing every CCHS student is successful.



CCHS will offer summer school this summer from June 16th - July 23rd. The application for Summer School was sent out with the ten week progress reports. It is also posted on the high school website. Students who earned a D or F in classes will be able to sign up for English, Social Studies, Math and/or Biology. Incoming Chirons, AVID or academic mentors will be able to take a six week Theater Arts class during the summer to insure that they have time in their school year schedule to accommodate their Chiron, AVID or academic mentor period. Submit your application to your HS counselor by May 8th to insure your spot in the class. Classes will fill on a first come, first served basis. Applications will be accepted after the deadline if spaces are available in classes. If you have questions regarding the CCHS Summer School program, please contact Ms. Tarvyd.

Cap & Gown Order Deadline!!

The deadline to order the cap/gown/tassel set for \$30 has been extended to April 30th. The price will increase to \$40 on May 1st. PTSA will be on campus at the Peace Garden to take orders on Fridays at lunch. You may also place your order online through the following link:

[https://culverhspta.myschoolcentral.com/ptaez/\(S\(anucuj4510115n55pdxqsy45\)\)/WebStore.aspx?org=1295](https://culverhspta.myschoolcentral.com/ptaez/(S(anucuj4510115n55pdxqsy45))/WebStore.aspx?org=1295)

Questions? Feel free to contact us at CulverHSPTSA@gmail.com



Class of 2015

The Senior Activities and Graduation letter was distributed to high school seniors in their Social Studies Classes before Spring Break. This letter contains important information regarding all Senior activities, including Grad Nite, Prom, Graduation and more. If you have any questions, please contact Interim Asst. Principal of Activities Kelli Tarvyd. Please check the CCHS website for a copy of the Senior letter.

Summary of IMPORTANT DATES

Friday	May 8	Last day for personal checks
Friday	May 15	Grad Nite @ Disneyland
Monday	May 25	MEMORIAL DAY- NO SCHOOL
Saturday	May 30	Senior Prom- The Wallis Annenberg Building
Thursday	June 4	Senior Finals
Friday	June 5	Senior Finals
Monday	June 8	Senior Finals
Monday	June 8	Last day to clear any course, credit and/or proficiency deficiencies
Monday	June 8	Culver City Community Scholarship Award Night
Tuesday	June 9	Last day to clear any financial debts
Tuesday	June 9	Senior Grades due
Tuesday	June 9	Senior Week- Orientation Robert Frost
Wednesday	June 10	Senior Breakfast- Cafeteria
Thursday	June 11	Graduation Rehearsal- Report to Robert Frost
Friday	June 12	Graduation Ceremony 6pm- All Seniors MUST check in by 4pm RFA

Activities



Interim Asst. Principal, Kelli Tarvyd

And We Ate....

The Ballona Creek Renaissance Club and Green5 sponsored a No-Waste Spaghetti Dinner last Friday in honor of Earth Week. Students demonstrated how easy it is to compost items and not impact our environment with excess trash. Participants enjoyed the CCHS Jazz Ensemble while dining in our cafeteria.



A LOT OF ACTIVITY IN THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

The end of the school year keeps the Activities Office busy! The Navy Band Southwest "Destroyers" will visit Culver City High School on May 14th. They will present a short performance during nutrition followed by a lunch meeting with students who are interested in pursuing careers in the military and/or becoming professional musicians. Afterwards they will work with our band students.

May 15th will be one of the busiest days this year. Our incoming ASB will participate in a retreat to prepare for the new school year. Lunch time activities will include our annual prom fashion show where students will model beautiful clothes to start preparing students for their special evening. On Friday, May 15th, four buses of high school seniors will head off to the *Happiest Place on Earth* and participate in Disneyland's Annual Grad Nite. Prom tickets are being sold and the students are busy picking out their Prom dresses and tuxedos. This year's prom will take place on May 30th at the Wallis Annenberg Building which is located near the California Science Center.

Our seniors will participate in Seniors Week which will take place June 9th-12th. Special activities will take place each day including special surprise activities, a breakfast and yearbook signing party honoring our Seniors, graduation practice...and finally our graduation ceremony on June 12th at 6pm at the Jerry Chabola Stadium. Should you have questions regarding our school Activities, please email carlosvalverde@ccusd.org or kellitarvyd@ccusd.org.

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ May 14th - 10th & 11th grade College and Career Center resources 6-7 pm
- ❖ May 15th - Disneyland Grad Night
- ❖ May 25th - School Holiday
- ❖ May 30th - 2015 Prom Annenberg

Counselor's Corner



Asst. Principal, Lisa Michel

Common Core 11th grade Summative ELA testing from April 27 - May 1

10th grade Life Science testing May 4 and 5

CAHSEE for 11th/12th grade May 12 and 13

Common Core 11th grade Summative Math testing from May 18 - May 22

Common Core 11th grade Summative ELA testing for AP English classes: May 26-June 1

2015-2016 Registration dates have been set:

SUMMER WORK (for AP & Honors classes and all English classes will be posted by end of May. Summer work is due at registration for 10-12th graders)

Monday, August 10th
12th grade from
12:30 - 3:30 only

Wednesday, August 12th
11th grade

Thursday, August 13th
10th grade

Friday, August 14th
9th grade

9th Grade Orientation Monday, August 17th



Encourage your student to attend CCC Lunch & Learns to explore various careers from experienced professionals. Check the CCHS website for dates

May 14: 10th and 11th grade College Career Center Parent Night: MPR 6-7



**10TH AND 11TH GRADE
PARENT NIGHT
MAY 14TH
COLLEGE CAREER CENTER
MPR 6-7 PM**

Class of 2015

103 seniors were identified as having met the requirements to receive the Golden State Seal on their diploma. The requirements involved state test scores from their 9th and 10th grade years. Students who met the requirement scored a minimum of 370 (350 is considered 'Proficient') on a total of 5 exams. At least one English Language Arts, one math exam (either Geometry or higher), one science exam (Biology or Chemistry) needed to be represented. Additionally the student must have attained a minimum of a 3.5 average in their US History semester grades in 11th grade.

AP Testing May 4 - May 14: This year more AP tests will be administered than ever before. Students have registered to take a total of 1079 tests. In 2014 students took a total of 977 tests. In 2013 the total number was 889; we are excited by the rising numbers of students accessing these rigorous exams.





Athletics

Interim Asst. Principal, DuBois McMillan



Spring Sports

Get excited about our spring sports teams. There have been many upgrades to our facilities and we're anxiously awaiting the grand opening of our new fields. Come out to watch our spring teams: baseball, lacrosse (boys and girls), softball, tennis (boys), track (boys and girls), and volleyball (boys). In the classroom and on the field, our Centaurs are prepared to PURSUE VICTORY WITH HONORS!!!

Staff PVWH

Recently our second team attended a Character Counts/Pursuing Victory with Honor 3-day conference. Our team of 8 consists of administrators, counselors, and teachers. The team is now planning for next year's implementation throughout the school with a focus of character building.



Mr. Walker, Ms. De Armond, Ms. Tarvyd, and Mr. Salter

CIF Recognizes CCHS Teams for Academic Performance

(Culver Currents April 13, 2015)

The rankings in the annual CIF Southern Section-Ford Academic Awards program were announced at the CIF-SS Office recently. The team awards, based on a cumulative grade point average, are awarded in 22 sports. Entries from 1,787 teams were received this year. To be considered, teams must have a minimum 3.0 GPA average (4.0 scale) in college prep courses in the first semester of the 2014-15 school year. The highest team GPA in each sport determines the winner. Schools are divided into two enrollment categories, 1,500 and above and 1,499 and below. The team with the highest GPA in each enrollment category for each sport receives the award. The first place teams receive a banner to commemorate their achievement. All teams who participate receive Academic Award certificates for their student athletes.

The following is how qualified CCHS teams ranked among the 275 schools in the 1,500 students or larger enrollment category:

- Baseball 3.38 11th
- Boys Basketball 3.13 26th
- Boys Cross Country 3.44 18th
- Girls Cross Country 3.53 25th
- Boys Soccer 2.96 32nd
- Girls Soccer 3.24 40th Softball 3.21 34th
- Boys Tennis 3.59 11th
- Girls Tennis 3.41 43rd
- Boys Volleyball 3.48 6th
- Girls Volleyball 3.37 28th
- Boys Water Polo 3.38 12th
- Girls Water Polo 3.47 16th





Parents can access student information through our Parent Portal. Log in often to access student attendance reports, teacher grade books, and grade reports as they become available.



AVPA

- May 22nd - AVPA Music Showcase
 - May 29th - AVPA Spring Music Concert
 - June 6th - JAVA GALA
- <http://www.avpa.org/>

Good News & Celebrations



The ribbon was cut!!! Students and staff worked hard to install a sustainable garden in front of the Robert Frost Auditorium. Funds were provided through a West Basin Municipal Water District grant to create an Ocean Friendly Garden. On March 20th, we were joined by the mayor of Culver City and other dignitaries for a ribbon cutting in honor of our beautiful garden. Evan Dumas, a high school Senior who worked on the garden project, spoke about the importance of this garden on campus and its contribution to our environment-friendly theme at our school.



Twenty-five high school seniors participated in the first California Democracy Showcase at the Nixon Library. CCHS, one of twelve schools in Los Angeles County, is participating in a three year grant which focuses on imbedding civic dialog into the curriculum. Students were able to display and present their Civic Action Projects which displayed the steps they took in community activism through their Government and/or Intercultural Literature classes.

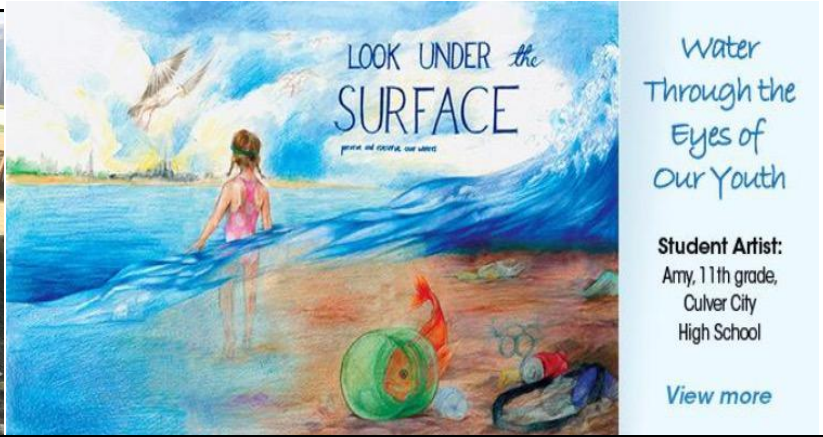
GOOD NEWS & CELEBRATIONS CONT.



The AVPA Chamber Singers participated in the LA Master Chorale's High School Choir Festival on May 1 at Walt Disney Concert Hall. 900 high school singers from across LA County performed in an hour-long concert featuring several wonderful pieces of music. Our AVPA Chamber Singers also have 3 singers who performed with a 100-member Honor Choir during that concert.



Thank you Green Thumbs for the garden makeover!



Water Through the Eyes of Our Youth

Student Artist:
Amy, 11th grade,
Culver City
High School

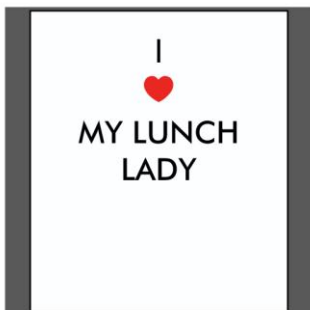
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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern of California is excited to share that we are currently highlighting conservation artwork on www.Bewaterwise.com from **Amy Wong** (Culver City High School).

Amy Wong's artwork was featured in our 2014 "Water is Life" Student Art Calendar and will be displayed on our Bewaterwise.com website from **Mar 30 - Apr 5**.

I love my Lunch Lady Contest

Please join me in congratulating Karen Fernandez, Valerie Ballard and Imelda Avalos (with her team at Linwood Howe, Lorena Sandoval and Joyce Miles) on their nomination



1 LOVE MY LUNCH LADY by supergbrns Zazzle

Saturday, May 9th, AVPA Film students' were celebrated for their nomination for Best Directing at the STARdance Youth Film Festival. Addie Clary-Wilson's documentary film which explores coming out in high school is one of four nominated in the Best Directing category. Flora Namala, the co-director and editor, has been vital to post production supervision of the film and has overseen tireless application into film festivals. The film will be screened for a live audience at the historic Vista Theatre in Los Feliz on Sunset Blvd.

