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Culver City High School

Parent Newsletter

January/February 2016

CCHS Mission Statement

Culver City High School is an engaged and caring academic community where diversity is valued and respected. We are committed to educating and inspiring all students to become life-long learners and contributing members of our global society.

Culver City High School



1. **All** students will graduate.
2. **All** students will be proficient in ELA and Math.
3. **All** students will be College/Career ready.
4. **All** students in 9th grade will earn 60 credits.
5. **All** students will participate in athletics and/or extra-curricular activities.

CCHS Student Outcomes (ESLR's)

CCHS curricular emphasis is based on the California State Standards, while Student Outcomes (ESLR's) are the driving force in curricular development and teaching methodology. The Student Outcomes are intended to challenge students to become:

- ✓ 1. Critical Thinkers, with a knowledge core, who will identify, access, integrate and use available information in order to reason, solve complex problems and make decisions in different settings with the ability to communicate in a variety of manners.
- ✓ 2. Self-Guided Achievers, who use positive core values to create a positive self-image for themselves and their future, set priorities and achievable goals, create Final WASC/CDE Visiting Committee Report 2010 25 options for themselves, monitor and evaluate their progress and take responsibility for their own choices and actions.
- ✓ 3. Involved Citizens, who take the initiative to contribute of their time, energies and talents to better the welfare of themselves and others and the quality of life in their diverse world with understanding and respect for all people.
- ✓ 4. Collaborative Workers, who use effective leadership and group skills to cultivate and manage interpersonal relationships within culturally and organizationally diverse settings with confidence and self-motivation.
- ✓ 5. Quality Producers, who create intellectual, artistic, practical and physical products which reflect originality, high standards and the use of technologies in a variety of career paths with a broad base of practical skills that serve many job functions.
- ✓ 6. Adaptable Problem Solvers, who anticipate, assess and resolve the problems and challenges that accompany the rapidly changing political, economic, environmental and social conditions of modern life and maintain their own physical and mental health
- ✓ 7. Effective Communicator. An effective communicator speaks articulately, writes clearly, and listens attentively.

Need Service Learning Hours? Please see Ms. Madrid in the CCC.

Community Scholarships are NOW available online @ www.cccommunityscholarships.org



2016 SAT or Subject Test Registration: collegeboard.org

	Test Date:	Registration Date:
Old SAT	January 23	December 28
NEW SAT	March 5	February 5
	May 7	April 8
	June 4	May 5

2016 ACT Registration: actstudent.org

ACT	February 6	January 8
	April 9	March 4
	June 11	May 6

*Fee Waivers available for students that qualify for free or reduced lunch, please bring a letter from Food Services to Mrs. Valverde, College Counselor in the College and Career Center. It is recommended students pay additional fee to take writing portion of exam.

Helpful websites to start college planning NOW.....

- www.bigfuture.org
- www.collegeXpress.com
- www.cappex.com
- www.parchment.com
- www.Fastweb.com
- www.lmfirst.org
- www.roadtripnation.com

www.universityofcalifornia.edu

www.californiacolleges.edu

www.csumentor.edu

www.commonapp.org

www.assist.org

NCCA Eligibility Center: www.ncaa.org

Visit colleges to get their VIBE... This will help you figure out the best characteristics that will fulfill your college expectations. Most campus tours you schedule online or take a virtual college tour @ www.campustours.com

Upcoming Lunch & Learns:

Union College NY 12/11 @10:30
 SMC Application Workshop 1/12 @10:30
 SMC Assessment Test Prep 1/12 @ 11:30
 Mock ACT 1/16 @ 8:30 Library
 WLAC Application Workshop 1/26 @ 11:30

PSAT Interpretation Workshop 1/21 @6:30pm

Lunch & Learn:

Publicist, Activision 12/11
 Genetic Counseling 12/16

Social, Digital & New Media Marketing 12/17
 TV Writer, Vampire Diaries 1/8
 Wardrobe Stylist 1/11
 Labor/Delivery Nurse 1/22
 Discover Your Creative Abilities 1/25

Sign up in the College and Career Center

Activities



Asst. Principal, Kelli Tarvyd

Character Counts Student of the Month



Junkai Fang- December
RESPONSIBILITY



Ryan McDowell- November
TRUSTWORTHINESS

CHARACTER COUNTS!



Class of 2016

The Senior Activities Letter will be mailed out to the homes of our Senior Students the first week of February. It will include important information, details and deadlines pertaining to end of the year activities and graduation. The letter will also be posted on the school website.

Important Graduation Information



Culver City High School's 2016 graduation ceremony will take place on **Friday, June 10th at 5:00 pm** at the Jerry Chabola Stadium, Culver City High School.

The ceremony has been moved up an hour from previous years to assist parents in celebrating their graduate's accomplishments after the ceremony.

- The Activities Office is busy planning activities. ASB will host a UCLA blood drive on Friday, January 22nd. We are proud of our many students who volunteer to donate blood and save lives.
- The third annual Leadership Conference will take place on Tuesday, January 26th. Organized by our ASB, this year's theme will focus on the importance of good character for leadership. Ninety of our students, including club presidents, students nominated by their teachers, student athletes and student scholars, will participate in sessions focused on character, leadership and change. Michael Josephson, of the Josephson Institute of Ethics, will be the keynote speakers. Conference participants will have the unique opportunity of having a lunch discussion with key business leaders in Culver City about the necessary skills one needs to possess as a good leader.
- ASB will then focus on planning its annual nonprofit fair to introduce students to the wonderful opportunities that exist in our community where they can potentially complete some service learning hours.
- Centaurs pride themselves on how accepting we are of one another despite the multiple races and cultures we have at our school. ASB will present an Intercultural Assembly to our students on February 24th to continue the practice of sharing the Centaur intercultural culture.
- CCHS has a House of Representatives which has a student representative from each 2nd period. The House of Reps meets each month to discuss student and school concerns. This group of dedicated students has had their voices heard and influenced changes at the high school including changes in our school bathrooms and influencing school policies.
- Dr. Valverde, our Activities Director, continues to guide our ASB students in creating powerful events at our school and exposing the entire student body to new ways of thinking. We are thankful for his dedication as well as the dedication of our incredible ASB members.

Instruction & Curriculum



Asst. Principal, Dr. Lisa Michel

PSAT Results!

As you know, all 10th graders were given the opportunity to take the PSAT this past October. The results are now in!

For students who did not receive an email with PSAT Scores, please access your scores by creating a College Board account here

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores>

Additionally, we will be holding a PSAT Interpretation Workshop on Wednesday, February 10 from 6:30-7:30 in the MPR/High School Library. Students will be able to pick up a hard copy of their scores on this evening.

CCHS Scheduling Fair

On February 26, we will be holding a SCHEDULING FAIR during an extended lunch. This fair will be the Friday after counselor presentation (in Social Studies classes) about the scheduling process for the 2016-2017 school year. It is most important that all of our students make informed choices about the courses they take: whether AP/Honors, CTE, or elective courses. At the fair students can talk to teachers and former students of the classes to find out details about the course and ask any questions. Please discuss course selections with your students and encourage them to attend the scheduling fair. The 2016-17 course description book will be posted under the 'Counseling' tab on the website (cchs.ccusd.org) by the end of January.



220 Creditsrequirement to walk in Graduation Ceremony

Last year Board policy was revised so that seniors must complete all 220 required credits in order to walk in the graduation ceremony. Counselors will continue to work with students to utilize all our district resources so that seniors may participate in the culminating ceremony. Resources include: summer school, Adult School, iAcademy, Culver Park, 7th period independent study, among others. Please ask your child's counselor for more information regarding remediation of credits.



Centaur Plus

Centaur Plus is a 24-minute academic tutorial opportunity for all students in the subject of their greatest need. This is a chance for teachers to give skill-based interventions as well as homework completion assistance based on the need of the student. Centaur Plus is built into the Monday/Thursday bell schedule without increasing minutes in the school day. Students have the capability to schedule their Centaur Plus session through their Enriching Students online account. Centaur Plus will resume February 8th for 2nd semester. If your student needs assistance with their student email and/or Enriching Student account please see Ms. R. Snyder (RM.30) or Dr. Michel (Main office).

Counselor's Corner



Principal, Dr. Lisa Cooper

Counseling Office Hours

Monday-Friday
7:30am-4pm

Upcoming Events

2/17	Counselor Coffee & Chat
2/23-2/25	Counselor Scheduling Class Presentations
2/24	CCHS Open House
2/26	Scheduling Fair @Lunch (for students only)
3/1-3/3	Current 11 th Grade for 2016-2017
3/14-3/17	Current 10 th Grade for 2016-2017
3/21-3/24	Current 9 th Grade for 2016-2017
3/21	8 th Grade Orientation Night 6-7pm
4/11-14	MS Counseling presentations (students)
4/28	Spring Parent Engagement Night

COLLEGE/CAREER:

- **Culver City Community Scholarship** available for seniors beginning Dec. 7th – Feb. 16th, 2016 by 3:30PM
- **DEADLINE:** Request letter of recommendation from Counselors for Community Scholarship—**JAN 15th**
- **FAFSA application available** Jan. 1st - March 2nd
- **SMC APPLICATION Workshop & ASSESSMENT PREP Test Workshop** – Jan. 12th
- **Mock ACT**—Jan. 16th
- **West LA College APPLICATION Workshop**—Jan. 26th
 - ☐ **Upcoming Standardized Test Dates:**
 - SAT (Jan. 23rd)
 - ACT (Dec. 12th)

SAVE THE DATE!

April 28th!

Spring Parent Engagement Night

“Preparing for the 2016-2017 School year”

All current 8th-11th grade

CCHS Families invited to attend

Counseling on the Go!

Students can now ask questions on the go. Counselors will be available @ lunch every Tuesday out on the lunch patio area to meet students, provide resources and answer quick questions.



www.joytroupe.com

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Coffee & Chat

Counselor Meet & Greet W/Parents

Come out and meet your student's counselor

Wednesday February 17th

7:30am-8:30am

College & Career Center
(2nd floor CCHS Library)

CCHS Guidance Counselors

Rebekah Howard
Dan Fagas
Candice Mackey
Tim Walker
Steve Gyepes

College Counselor- Thelma Valverde

Career Counselor- Adrienne Madrid

Athletics



Asst. Principal, DuBois McMillan

Winter Sports

Cheer & Dance

Basketball

Soccer

Water Polo

Please check the CCHS website for game schedules.



Pursuing Victory With Honor

We believe every student-athlete at Culver City High School should demonstrate a high level of ethics and sportsmanship during athletic competitions. As a program specifically created for athletes to give coaches, teachers, and administrators the tools to help foster good character in young athletes, it was adopted by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) in 1999 in recognition of the impact that sports can have on developing good character in student-athletes.

Student-athletes are expected to uphold the Six Pillars of Characters: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. These principles were developed by the Josephson Institute of Ethics and part of the Character COUNTS initiative that provide common language and expectations that shape school culture. It is our goal to have every student-athlete embody these core values as he or she *Pursue Victory With Honor*.



PVWH Student of the Month

NOVEMBER



Sara Ashley



Kofi Karikari

and

DECEMBER



Alyssa Johnson



AVPA

www.avpa.org

- Jazz Cabaret Show January 22-24
- CCUSD Music Concert February 18th
 - Spring Musical March 11-19
 - AVPA Film Screening March 24th

Important Dates

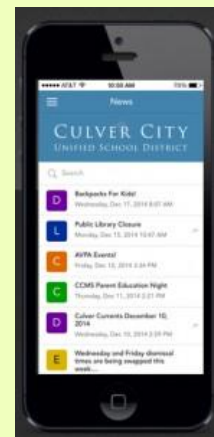


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| 1/26 | Student Leadership Conference |
| 2/17 | Counselor Coffee and Chat |
| 2/23-2/25 | Counselor Scheduling Presentations |
| 2/24 | CCHS Open House |
| 2/24 | Inter-Cultural Assembly (Assembly Schedule) |
| 2/26 | Scheduling Fair @ Lunch for students |
| 3/1-3/3 | 11 th grade Scheduling for 2016-2017 |
| 3/14-17 | 10 th Grade Scheduling for 2016-2017 |
| 21-24 | 9 th Grade Scheduling for 2016-2017 |
| 3/15 | ELAC meeting |
| 3/16 | MS Open House |
| 3/19 | Casino Night (Saturday) |
| 3/21- | 8 th grade Orientation Night @ CCHS |
| 4/11&4/14 | MS Counseling presentations |
| 4/19 | Aspire test (practice ACT) |
| 4/28/15 | Spring Parent Engagement Night |

**Please check the CCHS website for more detail about these events.

Get Connected!

CCUSD has gone mobile. Stay in touch with Culver City Unified School District by downloading our new mobile app. Download on your mobile device today and select yes to receive push notifications with the latest news.



Follow us @CulverCityHS

Just for you!

Parent information to be

INVOLVED--INFORMED--CONNECTED

Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC)

CCHS will need parent volunteers to be a part of our WASC accreditation Self-Study committee. If you are interested please contact WASC Coordinator, Candice Mackey

candicemackey@ccusd.org

PARENT PORTAL

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.



JOIN CCHS PTSA ANYTIME!

Meetings are open to all. Join us to find out what is happening in your school! Please check the CCHS website and click the PARENT tab to get membership info and meeting dates.

To get involved or be added to our email notification list or to contact us, send a message to: cchsptsa@ccusd.org



Join the CCHS Booster Club

The Culver City High School Booster Club helps to support student clubs, organizations, athletic teams, and other extra-curricular activities through financial support and volunteerism. Joining the CCHS Booster Club and volunteering at school events are great ways to support our students, to meet other parents, to reconnect with fellow alumni, and to get involved with Culver City High School.



Culver City Education Foundation

CCEF works throughout the year to raise the funds needed to ensure that every student at each of our CCUSD schools has a rich and engaging education. To make this happen, we need your help. Please show our students that their community supports them, by supporting CCEF. Please donate at CCEF90230.org



CCHS BOOSTER CLUB PRESENTS THE 9TH ANNUAL

CULVER CITY HIGH SCHOOL

CASINO NIGHT

VETERANS AUDITORIUM 4117 OVERLAND AVE CULVER CITY
SATURDAY MARCH, 19 2016 6:30-11:30



BLACKJACK CRAPS ROULETTE WHEEL OF TEACHERS

SILENT AUCTION BEER AND WINE DJ AND DANCING

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ALL CCHS ATHLETES
ALSO AVAILABLE FROM CCHSBOOSTERCLUB.COM

\$35 ENTRANCE FEE
DESSERT BAR AND HORS D'OEUVERS

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT CCHS ATHLETICS AND CLUBS

MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE



Welcome to Culver City High School!
High School Information Night
For Middle School Parents
Monday, March 21, 2016

Robert Frost Auditorium 6:00-7:00pm

Topic: 8th Grade Orientation and Fall course selection information
Also: an opportunity to meet administrators, counselors, athletic director, coaches, AVPA directors, etc.



You are also welcome to attend our...
OPEN HOUSE



Wednesday, February 24th
From 6 -7:30pm

Come and visit our classes and see what we do at the high school

There will be a brief orientation to Open House at 5:30pm in
the Robert Frost Auditorium

CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2016 Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year Nomination Form

NAME OF NOMINEE:		DATE SUBMITTED:	
CLASSIFICATION/TITLE:	DIVISION:	# OF YEARS WITH CCUSD	
SITE/WORK LOCATION:		WORK TELEPHONE:	

Celebrating the US in CCUSD! In collaboration with CCEF, we have revised our annual teacher/classified employee of the year process with the goal of celebrating and recognizing **more** members of our incredible CCUSD team. Each school site will have their own Teacher and Classified Employee of the year and those selected at the site will make up the pool to be considered for the CCUSD Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year. Site recipients and their guest will receive a complimentary ticket to attend CCEF's incredible *Tribute to the Stars* celebration on Saturday April 30th, where all site recipients will be recognized and the district-wide awards will be announced.

Both Teacher and Classified nominations will address the following three questions (see page 2 for the nomination form):

1. Why do you feel this individual is deserving of the Teacher or Classified Employee of the Year Award?
2. How does this employee embody our CCUSD belief that "Success for All Takes Us All"?
3. Please share a testimonial/personal example of how this individual makes a difference in the lives of children and CCUSD colleagues.

Name of Nominator: (Type or Print)	Signature of Nominator:
Employee <input type="checkbox"/>	Community Member <input type="checkbox"/>
Location/School:	Telephone:

Please submit completed nomination to CCUSD Assistant Superintendent Leslie Lockhart at eoy@ccusd.org no later than **4 PM January 29th, 2016**.

Only excepting electronic applications-Do not submit applications to individual sites.

All information received on this form will be treated confidentially

How does this employee embody our CCUSD belief that "Success for All Takes Us All"?

Please share a testimonial/personal example of how this individual makes a difference in the lives of children as well as their colleagues.

CCHS Peer Tutoring

Get a good start to a new year!

Peer Tutors are CCHS students who are trained and qualified to tutor a range of subjects (including Honors and AP levels) to help you meet your academic goals.

Please bring your class materials (homework, notes, textbooks, handouts, practice tests, drafts, etc) to tutoring.



Mondays: 3-4pm in Room 86
Tuesdays: 7-8am in Room 86
3-4pm in Room 96A
Wednesdays: 1:03-2:03pm in Room 86
Thursdays: 7-8am in Room 86
3-4pm in Room 96A

Peer Tutors can help with:

- ✓ Homework
- ✓ Writing
- ✓ Reviewing for tests (including ACT, SAT, CAHSEE, and finals)
- ✓ Developing organizational, study, and test-taking skills
- ✓ Improving your learning process

Questions? Contact the Program Coordinator, Mrs. Fontijn, at mariahfontijn@ccusd.org.
This tutoring service is FREE to any CCHS student.

Drop in or come by regularly.

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**CCUSD CULVER CITY HIGH SCHOOL
& CULVER PARK HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
2015-2016**

Names of Members _____

CCHS Student(s) _____ Grade(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone Number (with area code) _____

E-mail Address _____

(E-mail addresses will be used only for CCHS PTSA messages and announcements. They will not be shared with any group outside of the school district.)

Check the school your child attends CCHS CPHS

PTSA Membership (not tax deductible): \$6.50 x ____ members = \$ _____ **Additional**

Donation to CCHS/CPHS PTSA (tax deductible): \$ _____

Donations support PTA sponsored programs at CCHS & CPHS which will benefit your student.

Mail to CCHS PTSA 4401 Elenda Street Culver City CA 90230

**CCUSD CULVER CITY HIGH SCHOOL
& CULVER PARK HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
Los invitan a que sean miembros para el año 2015-2016**

Nombre del Estudiante _____ Grado _____

Nombre de Miembros _____

Domicilio _____

Código Postal

Numero de Teléfono (____) _____

Correo Electronico _____

(El correo electrónico será usado solamente para anuncios y mensajes. No será compartido con otros grupos de la comunidad. Por favor de darnos correos adicionales atrás de esta página.)

Marcar la escuela de su hijo CCHS CPHS

Membresía de PTSA: (no hay deducciones de ingreso): \$6.50 x ____ miembros = \$ _____

Donación Adicionales: (deducciones de ingreso): \$ _____

- Donaciones suportadas de PTSA de programas patrocinadores y eventos en CCHS y CPHS benefician a los estudiantes.
- Mail to CCHS PTSA 4401 Elenda Street Culver City CA 90230