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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DR. TIM PHARES

This summer has flown by! I hope our students and families have found some time to relax and rejuvenate over the last two months. With the district adding a full week of vacation at Fall Break, it seems as if this was a really short summer. The emotions around the start of the school year are always different for each individual. Emotions can range from excitement to nerves of trepidation. I am looking forward to building off my first year as principal at CHS and look forward to welcoming our students on Monday, August 7.

Our CHS teachers and staff have been busy preparing for the start of the school year. It takes many hours of preparation to get ready for the return of our students. I appreciate each one of our staff members who have taken the time to prepare, reflect, and plan for the best year yet at Carmel High School. We have hired many new teachers this summer and look forward to having them be part of the Greyhound Family. We are so fortunate to have the very best teachers and staff within our building each day.

Every day is a new opportunity at Carmel High School for our students to become involved. I encourage each of our students to find an interest, a curiosity, or a talent and participate! With CHS offering over 100 student clubs, performing arts, athletics, academic competitions, student government, I encourage each student to take advantage of these opportunities to make a larger school feel smaller.

I also want to see our parents get involved at CHS. These four years will go by very quickly and your involvement and support will only enhance your child's experience. Joining our PTO is one way you can become involved. Many opportunities exist with different booster organizations, homecoming activities, or even sharing your knowledge about career fields. We look forward to seeing you involved at the high school.

For the foreseeable future, construction will continue to be part of the everyday operations on and around our campus. We are hopeful the city roadwork on Main Street will be completed in the coming weeks. Also, we are so excited to have 136th street back open for our students traveling to school from west of US 31. Please pay close attention to our communications regarding traffic flow and patterns around our campus.

I would like to invite everyone to our Welcome Week which starts on Monday, July 31. Specific information will be coming regarding days for each grade and suggested times for students to help with traffic congestion around CHS. We encourage you to come with your child to participate and walk your child's schedule. We look forward to seeing you and your child/ren to kick off the school year.

I look forward to partnering with you during this next school year. I love CHS and our school community and hope your son or daughter will find a way to connect at Carmel High School and make their high school years memorable. I look forward to seeing you around campus here in the coming weeks.

Go Hounds!

Dr. Tim Phares



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The Carmel High School PTO is excited to welcome everyone to the upcoming 2023-24 school year!

Stop by the PTO table in the Main Commons/Door 1 to get your Blue/Gold Calendar and pick up spirit wear at Back-to-School Welcome Week!

- July 31: 8 am - 7 pm (9th-12th grades)
- August 1: 8 am - 7 pm (10th & 11th grades)
- August 2: 8 am - 7 pm (All grades & Freshman Kickoff)
- August 3: 3 pm - 7 pm (All grades)



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Our fundraising goal for next year is \$30,000 to directly support Carmel High School students and staff! The funds raised help the PTO:

- Offer special events including Freshman Kickoff, Homecoming, Top Scholar, AfterProm, Staff Appreciation Week & Senior Celebration
- Fundraise through parent donations, events, spiritwear & corporate partners
- Provide resources to CHS community through organizing Greyhound Gazette, emails, meetings, social media updates & website
- Provide financial and volunteer support for CHS Backpack Program
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July 31 - August 3	Welcome Week - PTO in Main Commons/Door 1
August 7.....	First day of school
September 6	PTO General Meeting at Carmel Library @ 1pm
September 23.....	Homecoming Dance
October 9 - 13	Fall Break
November 1	PTO General Meeting at Carmel Library @ 1pm
November 22 - 24.....	Thanksgiving Break
December 25 - January 5.....	Winter Break
April 1 - 8.....	Spring Break
May 4	AfterProm Celebration @ 11pm-2am
May	Senior Celebration month
May	Staff Appreciation week
May 23	Senior Sunrise / last day of school

Backpack Program and Staff Treats events are monthly throughout year

CHS PTO Backpack Program

Approximately 1,600 Carmel Clay students participate in free and reduced lunch, including 11% of CHS students. The CHS PTO Backpack Program provides extra food on the weekends for Carmel students who need extra nutrition.



The CHS PTO Backpack Program relies entirely on donations and volunteers. If you would like to learn more about the Program and what donations we collect, please visit the [PTO website](#) for additional information. Food donations 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. Monetary donations can be made online via paypal at this link: [paypal donations](#) or by scanning the QR code below. Donations can also be mailed to the High School via check made out to the CHS PTO with Backpack Program written in the memo line. Donations are used to purchase food items and fresh fruit each month.

Please contact Jennifer Cassidy at CHSBackpackProgram@gmail.com with any questions. If your family could benefit from the Backpack Program, please contact Taryn Wanninger at (317) 846-7721 ext 7106 or twanning@ccs.k12.in.us



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CLASS OF 2024 AND THE ACT & SAT

The first SAT will be on August 26. Registration for this test will open sometime in April. The second test date will be October 7 with a registration deadline of September 8. Students can register at the SAT website, www.collegeboard.org.

The first ACT test will be September 9. The registration deadline will be August 4. You can register at the ACT website, www.act.org.

Since many colleges are now TEST OPTIONAL with your college application, check out the admission requirements for colleges you are interested in applying to in order to see if the SAT or ACT are necessary to take.

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.

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.

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. Please also note that Purdue University did announce they will start requiring SAT or ACT test scores for admission consideration beginning this fall.

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.

TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

If your student has an IEP or 504 Plan with testing accommodations and will need testing accommodations for an ACT test, please indicate the need for accommodations during the ACT registration process. I will receive an email to make the accommodations request and you will be notified once that is approved or denied.

If your current FRESHMAN has an IEP or 504 Plan with testing accommodations who will need testing accommodations for the freshman PSAT, please complete this [google form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftcL9rgdpaWIAP1jqWsqdHqERlc0BC5hC89tM3vEWfIXwmng/viewform?usp=sf_link) before Friday, August 28, 2023 so that accommodations will be approved in time for the test. (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftcL9rgdpaWIAP1jqWsqdHqERlc0BC5hC89tM3vEWfIXwmng/viewform?usp=sf_link)

If you have any questions about current or future testing accommodations, please contact Stephanie Payne at spayne@ccs.k12.in.us.

PSAT TESTING INFORMATION FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

The 2023 PSAT will be administered on Oct. 19 during the morning school hours. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will take the PSAT. Freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9. Sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT. These tests are meant to prepare students for future SAT exams and provide information on where their strengths and areas of improvement are with English Based Reading and Writing, and Math. The cost of both tests will be covered by the Indiana Department of Education.

If your incoming freshman has an IEP or 504 Plan with testing accommodations who will need testing accommodations for the PSAT or any AP exams in the spring, please complete this [google form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftcL9rgdpaWIAP1jqWsqdHqERlc0BC5hC89tM3vEWfIXwmng/viewform?usp=sf_link) before August 28, 2023 to ensure ample time for the College Board to review and approve testing accommodations. Any requests turned in after Sept. 5th may run the chance of not being approved by the Oct. 19th test date. Only students with approved accommodations through the College Board will be permitted to use their testing accommodations.

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CLASS OF 2024: COLLEGE SEARCH & APPLICATION RESOURCES

We hope that you are taking advantage of the summer months to both rest and rejuvenate, so that you can have the best senior year possible. We know that many of you have plans to jump into the college search and application process in order to get a head start, and we want to make sure that you have access to all of the resources you need to do so. No matter where you are in the process, be sure to take advantage of the following resources and opportunities this summer:

- Your Naviance Student account can help you explore majors and careers, search for colleges and universities that are a “fit”, create a “colleges I’m applying to” list, and even build a resume for use on applications. You can access your Naviance Student account by logging into the [CCS Student Portal](#) (using your usual CCS login information) and clicking on the Naviance icon. See the Naviance Quick Guide attachment for more ways you can use this tool!
- We encourage you to spend some time exploring the Virtual Class of 2024 College Application Boot Camp Canvas Course. This resource covers everything you might want to know about the college application process, and the great thing about it is that you can use what you need when you want to use it. Whether you want tips on how to write a college essay, ideas for getting organized, or details about the financial aid process, we are certain that you will find the boot camp course helpful. Every CHS Class of 2024 student was invited to join this course in Canvas, and all you need to do to access it is accept the invitation. (Note: parents who are observers in Canvas can access the boot camp course content too!)
- We invite you to sign-up for an in-person **College Application & Essay Help Session** to get answers to application questions and/or have your essay reviewed by College & Career Resource Center (CCRC) staff. Prior to school starting in August, interested seniors can sign up for **one** 60-minute small-group session on August 1st (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) **OR** August 2nd (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) from their Naviance Student account, in the *College Visits* section. Space is limited for these

summer help sessions, but please know that we will continue to offer help sessions throughout the fall semester during SSRT.

We look forward to seeing you all again in August and to helping you plan for your future in the coming year!

Questions can be directed to Mrs. Stephan, College & Career Programming and Resources Coordinator, mstephan@ccs.k12.in.us.



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CHS CLASS OF 2024: LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION

Each year, Carmel High School has the opportunity to nominate two seniors to be considered for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is a four-year full tuition scholarship awarded to Indiana students who intend to work toward a baccalaureate degree at any accredited public or private college or university **in Indiana**.

Five years ago the endowment established a much earlier deadline, requiring high schools in Hamilton County to submit their nominations by mid-August. This means that we must start the application process during the summer months in order to give interested and eligible students ample time to complete an application by the **Friday, August 11th application deadline**.

NOTE: this application deadline falls **within the first week of school** for the 2023-24 academic year.

Nominated students must:

- Be a Hamilton County Resident (four students in Hamilton County will be chosen as recipients of this scholarship)
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Demonstrate financial need
- Plan to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study beginning in the fall of 2023 at a public or private college or university **in Indiana**
- Demonstrate a commitment to community volunteerism
- Demonstrate leadership and/or initiative in their school, community, and/or extracurricular activities

In order for CHS to meet the nomination deadline of August 18th, **student applications must be submitted online by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023**. The attached document outlines scholarship requirements and application instructions.

Students seeking to be nominated by CHS must apply online at <https://forms.gle/n2GvxQ6mGWDxghFQ6>. **NOTE:** students must access the application using their Carmel Clay Schools Google login.

Applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation, and interested students are encouraged to begin making contact with recommenders as soon as possible in order to secure those on time. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly from the recommender via email to Mrs. Stephan by August 11th.

Questions about the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship should be directed to Melinda Stephan, College & Career Programming and Resources Coordinator at mstephan@ccs.k12.in.us.



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- Since keypads are not going to be utilized, **students will want to keep their ID easily accessible.** At the start of the school year, students and staff were provided a lanyard. While not required, students are encouraged to use it for convenience purposes.
- Students who do not have their ID readily accessible will be asked to wait until those with IDs are assisted. For example, students without their IDs ready in the lunch line will have to wait until others with IDs are served before checking out.



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2023-2024 ALL-SPORTS PASS & TICKET INFORMATION

The Carmel Athletic Department is looking forward to the 2023-2024 school year. Construction continues to be a major part of campus as various projects are getting started or nearing completion. So many exciting projects are going on that will positively impact Greyhound student-athletes and fans in the future! As with any construction project, there will be a lot of dust and inconveniences, but the end result will be great for our Greyhounds. A more in-depth overview of the current and planned projects can be found at the All-Sports Pass and Ticket Information page at www.carmelgreyhounds.com.

The home football schedule will feature some of the best teams in the Midwest as the Hounds will play defending and recent state champions from Missouri, Michigan, and Kentucky in 3 of the first 4 games of the season. Five home games highlight a terrific lineup of match-ups. On August 25th, the Hounds will face national power Christian Brothers College out of St. Louis. The Cadets are a private, all-boys school that has captured 4 of the last 6 large school state championships in Missouri, including the last two titles. The second home game will be a rematch of the 2021 Hail Mary Game between Detroit King and Carmel. The Crusaders are 2-time defending state champions in Michigan, winning 5 titles in the last 8 seasons. Lawrence North travels to Carmel for the Bill Duke Trophy game on September 15th. Long-time rival North Central will be the 2023 Homecoming opponent on September 22nd. The last regular season home game will be on October 6th against 9-time state champion Warren Central.

The Athletic Department continues its partnership with GoFan, a digital ticketing company, to bring an easy and convenient digital platform to all Greyhound events. Your season ticket will be available on your smart phone through the GoFan Mobile Pass instead of a separate plastic card. All athletic events will operate on a Cashless system at all events. Paper money will not be accepted at events or in the pre-purchasing of tickets. Instead, tickets and passes may be purchased from your mobile device as your ticket into the event. Credit cards will be accepted at all venues as well instead of paper money.

Tickets can now be purchased for the new school year thru www.carmelgreyhounds.com or www.gofan.co.

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