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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DR. TOM HARMAS

Have you ever thought back over your life and wondered if you had defining moments? The first time I met Mrs. Dilley, my 8th grade U.S. History teacher in the fall of 1974, forever changed my life. Mrs. Dilley was the first teacher who saw a promise in me that I didn't recognize in myself. While I cared about school, I cared much more about playing football or how to break a curveball over the outside corner of the plate in baseball. Mrs. Dilley would constantly challenge me in class and I didn't know if I loved her or hated her for that. One day after class she told me I was moving into another class, Honors U.S. History. As an 8th grade student, I just went along and didn't think anything about the situation or her. However, in 1982 when I graduated from Indiana University with a degree in secondary education majoring in U.S. History, I knew Mrs. Dilley's belief in me was a defining moment in my life. I will be forever grateful for this most influential teacher who recognized the potential in her students if only given the opportunity.

For 37 years, I have been on this path as an educator. From teacher/coach to 29 years in administration, I will always be a teacher because of Mrs. Dilley and the kindness, insight and caring she placed in a lost 8th grade student.

There is no doubt that many of you have a similar story as do our students, current and past. Sadly, one of my biggest regrets is I never had the opportunity to thank Mrs. Dilley before her death. So, don't wait, take time to say thank you to those that have such a positive impact on your life.

Sincerely,

Thomas Lolanna

Dr. Tom Harmas



PARENTS: PLEASE CONFIRM ALL DATES ON THE WEBSITE.

From Student Services ATTENDANCE OFFICE REMINDERS:

- As we are experiencing a higher volume of students leaving during the school day, we appreciate your patience. We do work all day to take calls off the line. Parents, please call to report a pre-arranged or extended absence as soon as you know about the absence, even if it is days before the absence. This allows us to enter the necessary information, prepare a pass, and have it waiting for your student.
- For any absence please call our 24-hour attendance line at 317-571-5915 and follow the prompts. Connecting to Important Information: We thank you for your partnership in helping your child(ren) be successful at Carmel High School. With so many avenues of support, we wanted to remind you of some of the best ways to stay informed:
- Be an observer in your child(ren)'s Canvas courses. This will allow you to see what they see



including assignment information and deadlines. Please follow this link for instructions as to how to set up a parent Canvas account.

• Have access to PowerSchool through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. This will allow you to see the most current grade for your child(ren)'s courses. Please follow this link for instructions on how to access the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Reference the Parents section of the Carmel High School website at https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/chsparents for information about: reporting attendance, bus stops, lunches, calendars, textbook payments, tutoring, technology support (Canvas, Chromebook, Edmentum, PowerSchool). Student Learning Tip - Summarizing What They Read: One of the most important reading skill sets our students can possess is the ability to read a text, highlighting important information, and formulating a summary. Knowing what to highlight can be challenging. Please click here for a helpful summarizing/ highlighting strategy your student might want to try.

Mark Your Calendars!

MARCH 2, 2022

On Wednesday, March 2nd, all Carmel High School Juniors will take the SAT as required by the Indiana Department of Education. To ensure a successful testing environment, students in grades 9, 10 and 12 will have an E-Learning day. In the event of a school cancellation, Thursday, March 3rd



will be used as a makeup date. Additional information will be provided through school messenger in the weeks ahead.



Attention Seniors!

The Distinguished Grad Application is now available online. This program celebrates the well-rounded Carmel Greyhound. Approximately 135 seniors will be recognized as either commended or distinguished at our CHS Graduation Ceremony. One extremely exceptional senior will be recognized as THE Distinguished Graduate for the Class of 2022. Seniors should complete the DG Worksheet prior to completing their application online, as they can only submit their online application one time and in one session. Seniors will be able to submit their applications until 4:30 p.m. on February 9, 2022.

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- District Office: 317-844-9961
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CHS PTO Leadership and Contact Info

Carmel High School's PTO leadership team is looking forward to an exciting year with lots of opportunities for parents and guardians to be involved in the high school experience. The PTO is always looking for volunteers, whether you're interested in chairing a committee, joining a committee, or just showing up for a couple of hours! Just email CHS.PTO.Volunteer@ gmail.com or visit the PTO web site at CHS PTO Web Site for more information.

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PTO Meetings 2021-22

All meeting information (including Zoom info) will be emailed to registered PTO members before each meeting. Check the web site in case of changes or updates: <u>CHS PTO Meetings</u>.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	Community Room	9:30 a.m.	
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	Community Room	9:30 a.m.	
Tuesday, April 12, 2022	Community Room	9:30 a.m.	
Tuesday, May 3, 2022	Community Room	9:30 a.m.	

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JANUARY 2022

MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPTS

Class of 2022:

There are often occasions when a college/university requests that you send them a mid-year or 7th semester transcript. This might include the following scenarios:

- You applied to a Common Application college which requires a mid-year report.
- Your admission decision was deferred until the college receives a 7th semester transcript.
- You applied to a college with a regular admissions deadline in January or February and your 7th semester GPA would be beneficial to your application.

If any of these scenarios pertain to you or you need a 7th semester transcript sent for a different reason, please follow the directions below:

- <u>Common Application Schools:</u> Counselors will send out a mid-year school report and 7th semester transcript to all Common App colleges in which you have applied. There is no need to request a mid-year transcript for these Common App schools.
- <u>Non-Common Application Schools:</u> If you need a midyear/7th semester transcript for any other reason, please follow the directions below:



- ¤ Login to Naviance Student
- Select the Colleges link followed by the Colleges I'm Applying To link
- ¤ Click on the +Request Transcript link
 - What type of transcript are you requesting? Check the *Mid-Year* box ONLY
 - What additional materials, if any, do you want included? Leave blank
 - Where are you sending the transcripts? Select each of the non-Common App schools which you would like to send your mid-year transcript.

It is very important that you only request a mid-year transcript for those non-Common App schools which require them. These transcripts should be ready to send out beginning the 3rd week of January. Please contact your school counselor if you have any questions.

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SCHEDULING AND ADVISING MEETINGS

CHS Counselors have wrapped up meeting with their 9th and 10th grade students and started meeting with their 11th grade students for individual advising meetings. During these meetings, counselors will review each student's course requests, identify how those requests meet diploma requirements, make any adjustments to their course requests if necessary, and discuss how their course requests fit in with their interests, strengths, and posthigh school plans. The advising meetings are also a time for CHS counselors to discuss academic performance to date, identify any social-emotional learning needs, and answer student questions. Junior advising meetings began January 18th. Each student is required to register for their appointment using the link their counselor sent to them via email. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to your counselor. If you don't know who your child's counselor is and can't locate it on our Counseling Canvas page please call our office at 317-571-5922 for assistance. We are happy to help.

Important deadlines for 2022-2023 course scheduling include:

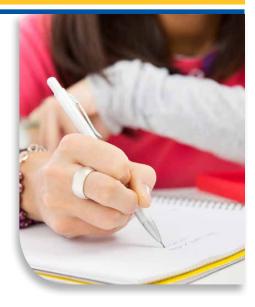
- a. The Application Course Deadline is February 1st. A list of courses requiring a special application is located in the Canvas scheduling module.
- b. The deadline to request a schedule change for any reason is March 1st.
- c. The final schedule change deadline

is May 1st. Please note that schedule change requests submitted between March 1st and May 1st are dependent on course availability.

d. Summer School information will be announced as soon as it is made available.

HOOSIER BOYS & GIRLS STATE

Applications will be available in mid-January for juniors interested in attending Hoosier Boys State or Hoosier Girls State this summer. Hoosier Boys State will be held on June 12 through June 18, 2022 at Trine University in Angola, Indiana. Hoosier Girls State will be held June 19 through June 25, 2022 also at Trine University. Hoosier Boys/ Girls State programs are sponsored by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. Participants learn about government processes, citizenship, and leadership. Due to the generous support of organizations such as Carmel Lions, Carmel Rotary, Carmel American Legion Post 155, and Carmel High School, our selected delegates incur no cost to attend. Students interested in attending must complete an application (including three teacher recommendations) and must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Delegates must be able to attend the entire week-long session. Application information will be available through U.S. History teachers, as well as in the CHS 10th-12th Grade counseling center, beginning in mid-January. The online applications will be available through the CHS Counseling Canvas course only and will be due February 18, 2022.



HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE

The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology is again offering their homework hotline assistance program. The service is free and is geared toward help in the subjects of math and science. Call 1-877-ASK ROSE. Hours of operation are Sunday – Thursday, 7p.m.-10:00 p.m. Online chat and email questions can also be answered during these hours of operation by clicking this **LINK** to their website.

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STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION

We recommend that students who plan to attend college take both the SAT and the ACT at least one time during the winter/spring of their junior year. Because most colleges will consider the highest combination of any college admission test scores presented with an application, many students will take either the SAT or ACT two times prior to their senior year.

The SAT will be given to ALL Juniors on March 2 at CHS. This is a new state mandate and REQUIRED for all juniors to take at school (beginning with the class of 2023 and beyond). There is no registration necessary and no cost to families. The results of this test score can later be sent to colleges and count for admissions purposes. (Please note below that the SAT is also offered on Saturday, March 12, but we don't recommend you pay for that test date since your junior will have just taken the SAT at school on March 2).

The ACT will be given at CHS on February 12. The ACT is also offered at other testing locations on April. 2, June 11, and July 16. The SAT will be given on March 12, May 7, and June 4 at Carmel High School. Registraton is online at either www. collegeboard.org or www.act.org. The cost for the SAT is \$55. The ACT costs \$60



or \$80 with the optional writing section. Most colleges are **NO LONGER** requiring the writing section, so plan ahead to see if you need to take the ACT with writing or without. Be sure to include the Carmel High School code (150445) with your registration. <u>We also encourage you to select up to four</u> <u>colleges to have your test scores sent directly.</u> This is offered as a part of your registration process for both the SAT and ACT tests and is free of charge. Please keep in mind that standardized testing is only part of all the information that represents and presents students and their accomplishments. For most colleges and universities, the most important part of the student's record is the quality of the student's academic course work and the grades that they have earned in those classes. For highly selective schools, the quality of the student's character and her/his leadership in school and/or community activities weigh heavily.

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

To request testing accommodations, please visit the CHS Counseling Canvas page, under the Testing section for instructions. Contact Stephanie Payne spayne@ccs.k12. in.us with questions.

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FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY: Get help completing the FAFSA at the upcoming College Goal Sunday –Sunday, February 27th from 2p.m. - 4p.m. Various locations throughout Indiana.

College Goal Sunday provides Indiana college-bound seniors an opportunity to receive assistance with completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Volunteers (many of whom are from college financial aid offices) who will walk you through the process of completing the FAFSA and answer your questions. For further information about College Goal Sunday visit the website at www.collegegoalsunday. org. NOTE: Every college-bound senior should file a FAFSA regardless of their current financial situation. Students must complete the FAFSA to be considered for grants, loans, and work study programs at the state and federal level. Many schools require completion of the FAFSA for consideration of school sponsored merit-based aid as well as need-based aid. The FAFSA application became available on October 1st and the deadline to submit the FAFSA in Indiana is April 15th. Some colleges/universities will set earlier FAFSA submission deadlines. Visit www.fafsa.gov for more information about the FAFSA.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS LIST IN NAVIANCE STUDENT

Seniors searching for scholarship resources should check the scholarship list in Naviance Student regularly. These scholarships are primarily local in nature and provide opportunities to supplement the aid that colleges and universities offer as part of their financial aid packages.

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Scholarships are updated year-round as the most updated information is received. It is a good idea for seniors to check the list weekly to make sure they stay aware of all opportunities.

CARMEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CEF) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHS STUDENTS.

The Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) exists to help students in Carmel Clay Schools achieve their full potential by awarding educational grants to teachers and scholarships to CHS seniors each year. This year CEF will award nearly 100 scholarships ranging in value from \$500 to over \$6,000. The scholarships offered by CEF recognize a wide variety of accomplishments from academics to athletics, from service to the arts, and more!

The list of available scholarships is available on the CEF website at https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships/application-process, and **the online application opened on December 17th.** There is a single common scholarship application that allows students to be considered for all scholarships for which they meet the eligibility requirements. The **CEF application deadline is Tuesday, March 15th, 11:59 p.m.** It is important to note that because CEF awards no more than one scholarships to a single student, they are truly spreading the wealth! Scholarships awarded by CEF will be announced at Community Scholarship Night on Wednesday, May 18th.

Any CHS senior pursuing higher education by attending a college, university, or vocational school is encouraged to complete the CEF Scholarship Application.

SCHOLARSHIP CONFIRMATION FORMS: SENIORS REPORT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS!

If your student has earned a scholarship, please submit a copy of the official confirmation letter, including the amount, to Mrs. Melinda Stephan or Mrs. Julie Van Buren in the counseling center. Please submit only those confirmed college scholarships for the school <u>the student will be attending</u>. All monetary

> information will remain confidential. Submission of confirmations will enable your student to be recognized in the graduation program. The last day to submit scholarship confirmations for recognition is Monday, May 2, 2022. Due to coordination and printing deadlines, any awards received after this date may not be included for recognition in the graduation program. The scholarship confirmation form is available in the Counseling Canvas Course.



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NEED HELP PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL? THE CCRC CAN HELP!

CHS College & Career Advisors are ready to help ALL CHS students identify options for continuing their education and/or identifying career options once they graduate. No matter where students are in the process, we can help. Students in all grades are encouraged and welcome to make an appointment! Students can request an appointment for themselves as well as with their parent by using the QR Code below. Students



should be sure to mark "College & Career Resource Center Appointment Request" as their reason for visit.

JUNIOR STUDENTS - COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING PRESENTATION

In mid-March, all juniors and their parents will be invited to view a virtual College & Career Planning presentation. In this presentation CCRC staff will provide information about the process for finding a college fit, advice on steps students should be taking related to the application process, access to tools and resources to support their college search, and encouragement that there is a post-secondary education option for all students who graduate from Carmel High School. More information about this presentation will be sent to juniors and their parents in mid-March.

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COLLEGE & CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CCRC) PROGRAMMING EVENTS FOR SPRING 2022

Please keep an eye out for information about the following upcoming programs offered by the CCRC during the spring semester. If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Stephan, College & Career Programming and Resources Coordinator at 317-571-5922 ext. 7482 or email at mstephan@ ccs.k12.in.us.

- Military Academy Day, January 28th during SSRT.
- Freshman/Sophomore College & Career Planning Night, February 17th 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Career Exploration: Self Discovery Workshops during SSRT, February 24, 28, March 7, 15.
- After the FAFSA: Finalizing Financial Aid, March 3rd 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Healthcare Majors & Careers Fair, March 24th 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Juniors: Building Your College List Workshops during SSRT, April 12, 14, 18, 20.
- Skilled Trades Majors & Career Fair, April 26th 6:00-8:00 p.m.





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You have two options to buy: (1) Head to www.yearbookordercenter.com (search for order #17177); or (2) print, fill out and return the attached order form with your cash or check payment.

Please note that we expect to distribute books at school in May 2022, but due to everchanging circumstances, that plan could change in the coming months. All updates and information will be sent out in this School Messenger format and advertised on Pinnacle social media channels. All yearbook sales are final.

Questions? Contact Pinnacle adviser Claire Burke at cburke@ccs.k12.in.us. Thank you for your support of the 2022 Pinnacle yearbook staff!

Thank you,

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Claire Burke and the 2022 Pinnacle yearbook staff

SENIOR ADS

Pinnacle yearbook senior ads are available for purchase! Senior personal ads in the Pinnacle yearbook are a unique and lasting way to congratulate graduates and celebrate friendships. We would love to help you recognize your senior and his or her unique accomplishments.

Senior ads are available for purchase now through Friday, December 3, 2021. Please read through the attached order form carefully, as the ordering procedure has changed this year. Necessary materials and further instructions can be found at https://carmelyearbook.com/ senior-ads/...Additionally, all ad components (hard copy and online forms, photos, payment, and any applicable photo releases) must be submitted before your ad space is reserved.

All senior ads will be in color, and will be custom designed by the yearbook staff to match the tone and theme of the 2022 Pinnacle. We do not accept pre-designed ads. For legal reasons, we will need a release for any professional photos you plan to use in your ads. Please contact your photographer in advance for this document.

Questions? Email Pinnacle adviser Claire Burke at cburke@ccs.k12.in.us or pinnacleadseditor@gmail.com with senior ad-specific guestions. We look forward to helping you celebrate and remember your child's senior year. Thank you for your support of the 2022 Pinnacle staff!





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