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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DR. TIM PHARES

Welcome back to CHS for the start of semester two. I hope everyone had a joyous and happy holiday season and you were able to relax and rejuvenate over winter break. As we say goodbye to 2022, I would like to reflect on some of the accomplishments of the first semester.

To the entire CHS family, thank you for welcoming me into the Greyhound family. At our opening day meeting in August, I told our staff that I wanted to learn about CHS this year. The educational opportunities, extra-curricular events, co-curricular events, and camaraderie of our students and staff are something special to behold. As I watch the daily activities, I am amazed by the commitment of our students, staff, and entire Greyhound family. I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful community.

In December, I had my first opportunity to attend Holiday Spectacular. While I have heard many wonderful things about Holiday Spec, seeing it in person was absolutely amazing. The countless hours our students, staff and parent volunteers commit to this program is greatly appreciated. It was also exciting to see our students performing back home in our auditorium.

The Marching Greyhounds completed an amazing fall season by bringing home 1st place in ISSMA State Competition and being selected as Band of America Grand National Champions. They also represented Carmel High School by marching in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Congratulations to this amazing group of students, staff, and parent volunteers.

These are just two of the highlights from a fabulous first semester. As we look forward to the second semester, I encourage you to find events to attend and ways to be involved at Carmel High School and to encourage your students to make the most of their time at CHS by becoming involved in activities that interest them as well.

I want to close and thank everyone for their support during the first several weeks back regarding the passing of one of our Greyhound students. Each person grieves in different ways and we have to consider all individuals in how we support our school community. This support will continue as we move forward throughout the year. Whether you offered your thoughts, prayers, or support throughout this difficult time, we are grateful for you as a member of the Greyhound Family.

Go Hounds!

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Dr. Tim Phares



PARENTS: PLEASE CONFIRM ALL DATES ON THE WEBSITE.



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 2023. 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 10, 2023.



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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 here for additional information. Food donations are accepted year-round and 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 by backpack online donations or 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.

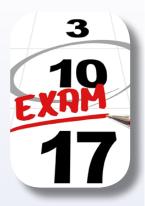
We want to share our gratitude for the organizations who supported us during the fall semester by hosting, food, monetary, and gift card drives:

- CHS Marching Band
 CHS Choirs
- Tri Kappa
- CHS Girls Soccer
 - CHS Boys Soccer
- Council

CHS Orchestra

CHS Staff

Please contact Jennifer Cassidy at CHSBackpack-Program@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.



Mark Your Calendars March 1st, 2023

On Wednesday, March 1st, 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. Additional information will be provided through school messenger in early February.



Attendance Office Updates

We are excited to be using two new tools for student attendance:

School Dismissal Manager and the PowerSchool App Push Notifications.

Using School Dismissal Manager is preferred to help us manage absences, late arrivals, appointments, and leaving early. We encourage parents and guardians to download the app or bookmark the site. However, families may still call as needed.

You may elect to receive notifications from the PowerSchool App when your student has an unreported absence for any portion of school or tardy to a class throughout the day. If you would like to start receiving push notifications, please install the PowerSchool App on your mobile device. When downloading, use

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Once you are in the app, go to settings and allow notifications. If you receive a notification and your student is supposed to be at school, please contact your student and have them report to class. If needed, please use the notification as a reminder to call in any planned absences. You will receive a follow-up notification indicating they arrived tardy when they return to class. The PowerSchool app also allows parents and caregivers to monitor your student's attendance, regardless of push notifications.



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School ID Requirements

To enhance safety and efficiency, students and staff will now be required to scan IDs in the cafeterias, Media Center and when signing in and out with attendance. In the event students don't have their ID card, they should stop by the Activities Office (across from the radio station) to have a new one printed. The cost is \$5 for a replacement ID card.

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.



Scheduling & 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 post-high 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 17th. Each student is required to register for their appointment using the Google Calendar sent to them from their school counselor via email. Students can also find the message with the calendar link in their Naviance account. 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 2023-2024 course scheduling include:

- 1. The Application Course Deadline is February 1st. A list of courses requiring a special application is located in the Canvas scheduling module
- 2. The deadline to request a schedule change for any reason is March 1st.
- 3. 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.
- 4. The deadline to register for Summer PE is March 1, 2023



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FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Standardized Testing Information

The SAT will be given to ALL Juniors on March 1st at CHS. This is a 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 will appear in the student's College Board account about 3 weeks after testing and can later be sent to colleges and counted for admissions purposes.

Students who wish to sign-up for the ACT or SAT test can do so on their own. The ACT will be offered the following Saturday's at CHS: February 11 and April 15. The ACT is also offered at other testing locations on June 10 and July 15. The SAT will be offered on the following Saturday's at CHS: May 6 and June 3. The SAT is also offered at other testing locations on March 11 (not recommended given that your junior is taking it at school on March 1). Registration for Saturday tests can be found online at either www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org. The cost for the SAT is \$60. The ACT costs \$63 or \$88 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 or without writing. Be sure to include the Carmel High School code (150445) with your registration.



<u>encourage you to select up to four 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 at the time of registration. Please know that if you send scores to colleges and later decide to apply without test scores, the colleges will NOT pull testing information that may have been previously submitted.

It is recommended that students who plan to attend college take the SAT and 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. Please know that many colleges are now TEST OPTIONAL, so 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.

Please keep in mind that standardized testing is only one piece 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

On March 1, 2023, all JUNIORS will take the SAT during the school day. If your student has a 504 Plan or an IEP with testing accommodations, accommodations have been requested through the College Board. You should have received a letter indicating the approval or denial of accommodations along with an assigned SSD#. Any accommodations your student is approved for MUST be administered on the March 1 School-Day SAT. These accommodations will also be in place for any future SAT or AP tests.

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. Our office 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 wish to use those testing accommodations for the sophomore PSAT or AP exams, please complete this google form by the end of the school year so the request can be submitted before the deadline of August 22, 2023.

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





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Mid-Year Transcripts for Class of 2023

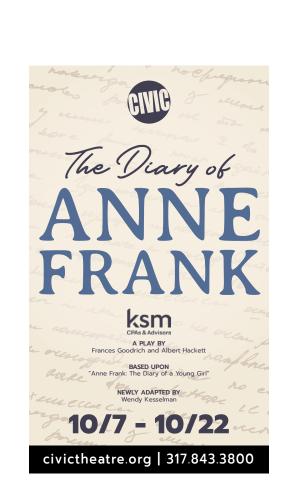
There are often occasions when a college/university requests that you send them a mid-year or 7th semester transcript. This might include the following scenarios:

- 1. You applied to a Common Application college which requires a mid-year report.
- 2. Your admission decision was deferred until the college receives a 7th semester transcript.
- 3. 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:

- Common Application Schools: Counselors will send out a midyear 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.
- Non-Common Application Schools: If you need a mid-year/7th semester transcript for any other reason, please follow the directions below:
 - ø Login to Naviance Student
 - Ø Select the *Colleges* link followed by the *Colleges I'm Applying To* link
 - Ø 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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Financial Aid & Scholarship Resources

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

Get help completing the FAFSA at the upcoming College Goal Sunday Sunday, February 26th from 2:00-4:00 p.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. 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 SENIORS

The Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) provides financial scholarships to at least 80 CHS seniors each year, ranging in value from \$500- \$6,000. CEF scholarships can be used for expenses related to college, certification, or trade school.

We invite you to review the CEF scholarship materials available at https://www. ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships/application-process. Here, you will find a directory outlining all scholarships and their criteria, application instructions, and the **application link which is now open.** As an applicant, you will be asked to



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create a profile and respond to a series of questions in a common application format to determine which scholarships you are eligible for. Once your general application is submitted, you will be directed to a list of scholarships for which you will be considered and asked to provide any additional required information. Approximately half of the scholarships require a short essay, and the prompts are listed in the directory found on the CEF website.

The CEF application deadline is Wednesday, March 15th, at 5:00 p.m. All applicants will be contacted to verify their application content before they are notified of their application status on May 4, 2023. Scholarships will be presented at the CHS Community Scholarship Night on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. It is important to note that because CEF awards no more than one scholarship to a single student, they are truly spreading the wealth!

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. Leah Owens in the counseling center. Please submit only those confirmed college scholarships for the school the student will be attending. 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 Tuesday, May 2, 2023. 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.

NEED HELP PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL? THE **COLLEGE & CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CCRC) CAN HELP!**

CHS College & Career Advisors are ready to help ALL CHS students identify options for continuing their education and training 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 using the QR Code below. Parents may participate in these appointments as well. Students should be sure to mark "College & Career Resource Center Appointment Request" as their reason for visit.

COLLEGE & CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CCRC) PROGRAMMING EVENTS FOR SPRING 2023

Save the date and be sure to keep an eye out for more information about these upcoming CCRC events for students and families:

January 31, 2023 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (SSRT) Military Academy/ROTC Panel Program, CHS Community Room (Program open to students in all grades as well as parents)

February 16, 2023 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Freshman/Sophomore College & Career Planning Night, Auditorium

March 9, 2023 6:30 p.m. After the FAFSA: Finalizing Financial Aid (for seniors/families). CHS Community Room

March 21, 2023 6:00-8:00 p.m. STEM Majors & Careers Fair, Freshman Cafeteria



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To provide you with additional information and to register, please watch this Parent Project Introduction Video.



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Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: 1st Class in-person, Location TBD; Zoom for remaining 10 weeks.

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Parent Project Introduction Video

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The class meets 1x per week for 11 weeks (excluding School Breaks/Holidays). The cost is \$80 (per family) for the whole class. There is no additional cost for a spouse or significant other. The first class will be in-person, and you will be notified of the location by email several weeks prior to the class starting. The remaining 10 weeks will be on Zoom. Please note since this is a confidential class, while on zoom, we ask that you are in a private location which offers confidentiality and anonymity to the other participants in the group.

Payment for the class needs to be made by a <u>cashier's</u> <u>check or money order</u> and must be made payable to the <u>Hamilton County Treasurer</u> (\$80).

Payment must be brought the first day of class. Upon payment you will receive the workbook for the class as well as a receipt of payment. If you have any questions, or concerns about payment, please feel free to contact us at (317) 776-5856.

Registration Form

Class Start Date:

Parent Name:

- Mailing Address:
- Telephone:
- Email:

Spouse/Significant Other Attending? Yes/No (circle) (If yes, please list name and contact)

Spouse/Significant Other Name:

- Telephone:
- Email:

Age(s) of Children:

Name and Age of strong-willed child/children:

Problems you are experiencing with child/children:

Efforts you have made to modify behavior:

What you hope to gain out of this class:

Where did you hear about this class?

Please email this form to: <u>Parent.Project@HamiltonCounty.in.gov</u>

(If you do not have the ability to email this form please contact us at (317) 776-5856.)

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Hoosier Boys and Girls State

Applications will be available in late January for juniors interested in attending Hoosier Boys State or Hoosier Girls State this summer. **Hoosier Boys State** will be held from **June 11- June 16, 2023** at Trine University in Angola, Indiana. **Hoosier Girls State** will be held **June 18- June 24, 2023** 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.*

Information on the application process will be available through U.S. History teachers, as well as the CHS Counseling Canvas course, beginning in late January. The online application will only be available through the CHS Counseling Canvas course and will be due in late February. For more information, see www. boysandgirlsstate.org and https://www.aladeptin.org/ala-hoosier-girls-state1.html.







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