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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DR. TIM PHARES

It seems as if we just returned from winter break, but we look at the calendar and realize spring break will be arriving in approximately four weeks. The pace and energy inside the walls at Carmel High School is contagious, but I also recognize it can be stressful for individuals. If we do not stop and enjoy the moments each day, we can get consumed quickly by that pace of a school year. I encourage everyone to enjoy the moments within the school year, learn from the challenges, and reflect on the days.

Each day I stand in the hallways and watch our students interact, allowing me the opportunity to reflect on the continued excellence and think about how fortunate we are here at CHS. We have staff members who care deeply about students preparing them for the future, students who come to school with a desire to learn, and supportive families who want the best for their children. We are proud of all the accomplishments and growth we see in our students on a daily basis!

One example of the continued excellence at CHS continues to be our Girls and Boys Swimming program. Just recently, our girls were able to capture their 37th straight STATE CHAMPIONSHIP and the boys were able to earn their 9th consecutive STATE CHAMPIONSHIP! This does not just happen because we have over 5200 students in our school. It happens because of the coaches, the athletes, and the families while being supported by the entire community.

Additionally, excellence at CHS can be seen in a variety of recent accomplishments from a variety of students. Several groups have won competitions, contests, and tournaments. From our winning Show Choir groups, CyberPatriot State Champions, CHS Debate Team, German State Champs, the excellence is alive and well at Carmel High School. A student stopped me recently and said, "Dr. Phares, you must be proud of the accomplishments rolling in." I responded, "I am proud to be a Greyhound every single day." No matter whether it is a win or loss, a good day or a bad day, I hope each of you finds a sense of pride to be part of the Greyhound Family.

Go Hounds!

Dr. Tim Phares



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FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER

SUMMER SCHOOL-GENERAL REMINDERS INDIANA ONLINE (IO) AND SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The window for CHS students registering for IO's summer school will close Wednesday, May 31st. IO summer courses run June 5th- July 16th. To register, go to <https://indianaonlineacademy.org> and follow the link to enroll for the summer session. You will need to have your student's school student number available when you register and enter it as the local id. CHS students may register for any course in which a student has made a C+ or lower or needs to recover credit and/or a counselor approved math course to get back on sequence. Students cannot take a math course to work ahead unless the student is trying to get back on track in math. There is no charge for CHS students taking courses through IO. (Any student wishing to retake a PE credit will need to register through their counselor for the CHS Edmentum summer course. CHS is not contracted with IO to take PE.)

NOTE: Registration for PE I & PE II closed on March 1st and will be administered through Edmentum this summer. This session runs May 30-July 6th. More information will be sent home to those who put it in their course requests as we approach the start date. Students are allowed to take up to two credits total in one summer. PE I and PE II cannot be taken in the same summer.

STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION

All juniors took the SAT at school on March 1, 2023 as a part of state accountability testing. This testing is part of our state required testing program. Students who were absent will be tested during the make-up testing window. 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 note that Purdue University did announce they will start requiring SAT or ACT test scores for admission consideration beginning with the class of 2024. The ACT will be given at CHS on April 15. The ACT is also offered at other testing locations on June 10 and July 15. The SAT will be given on May 6 and June 3 at Carmel High School. The testing companies prefer that students register online at either www.act.org or www.collegeboard.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 test with writing or without. Be sure to include the Carmel High School code (150445) with your registration. We also encourage you to select up to four colleges to have your test scores sent directly. 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.



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

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Fifty-two Carmel High School seniors have been named as National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists. Finalists will receive a Certificate of Merit from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, and many of these students are being considered for National Merit Scholarships as well as scholarships from their first-choice colleges and universities. Finalists include: Tanay Acharya, Abigail Bailey, Abigail Burnham, Jason Chia, Geetika Chitturi, Eliza Culbertson, Julia Dong, Avery Guo, Eric Guo, Canaan He, Cristian Herascu, Amilyn Ho, Ayden Hornsby, Haley Hunt, Lauren Jai, Daniel Johnson, Archit Kalra, Dariush Khurram, Taehee Kim, Shreya Krishnan, Nolan Latterell, Shinwoo Lee, Chenyao Liu, Suhani Lodha, Alison Ma, Laura Martens, Nathan Martin, Katherine Mayer, Noah Meroueh, Jillian Moore, Logan O'Connell, Amogha Paleru, Alex Park, Matthew Rao, Jordan Seigel, Darshini Shankar, Lily Shukla, Min Seo Sim, Ishaan Singh, Kate Smith, Mia Sosa, Zachary Spurgeon, Gauri Srinath, Olivia Stock, Daniel Tian, Sneha Vashistha, Jingyu Xiao, Eric Yang, Grace Yang, Arthur Yeh, Grace Zhang, Harry Zheng.

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Need help understanding what to do after submitting the FAFSA? Seniors and Senior parents are invited to attend After the FAFSA: Finalizing College Financial Aid on Thursday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the CHS Community Room. This presentation by our partners at INvestEd Indiana will review how to understand what comes next after submitting the FAFSA, how to read financial aid notification letters and more! Carmel Education Foundation Scholarships 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. CHS Seniors are invited to review the CEF scholarship materials available at <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships/application-process>. Here, they will find a directory outlining all scholarships and their criteria, application instructions, and the application link. Applicants will be asked to create a profile and respond to a series of questions in a common application format to determine which scholarships they are eligible for. Once their general application is submitted, they will be directed to a list of scholarships for which they 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! Questions about scholarship resources can be directed to your CHS Counselor or to Mrs. Stephan, College & Career Programming and Resources Coordinator at mstephan@ccs.k12.in.us.

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 will be sent to senior parents in early February and are also available in the Counseling Canvas Course.



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From the College and Career Resource Center (CCRC)

CHS College & Career Counselors want to assist students and families with the college search and career exploration process. Students in all grade levels are welcome to make an appointment. Students can request an appointment by completing an online request using the QR code below. Students can request that parents join these appointments when completing the request form.



Last year, Carmel High School charted a new course for creating a more balanced approach to the end of our semesters with the elimination of traditional final exams. This approach helps to support our removal of quarters and the philosophy that learning is an ongoing process. For additional perspective provided by CHS students, parents are encouraged to read this HiLite article. Our Spring 2023 ACE end-of-semester schedule addresses:

- Students' desire for more preparation and intervention time with teachers.
- A balanced approach with scheduled periods for assessments and culminating experiences.
- Opportunities for unique classroom experiences.
- Graduation and Senior Celebration activities being on the last day of the semester, impacting Senior attendance on May 25th.

UNDERSTANDING "ACE" & "P&I" TERMS

Assessments & Culminating Experiences (ACE) are required in-person, end-of-term assessments or culminating experiences such as presentations, projects, exit conferences, passion projects, Genius Hours, unique laboratory activities, etc.

Preparation & Intervention (P&I) time is scheduled for students to connect with teachers in-person, via Zoom, Canvas messages, or email to prepare for any upcoming ACE. P&I sessions will occur in the morning during e-learning instruction from 9:05 am - 12:05 pm each day. Students can use their morning P&I time preparing **at home or at CHS on ACE days**. Students may schedule meetings with specific teachers or will be assigned

to a quiet study session monitored by staff. Freshmen are allocated to the freshmen cafeteria, sophomores to the main cafeteria, and juniors/seniors to the media center.

Attendance is mandatory during all ACE classes, with no exceptions. Students will be engaging in meaningful classroom activities such as presentations, projects, exit conferences, passion projects, Genius Hours, unique laboratory activities, etc. Following these attendance expectations ensures we maintain a high level of educational excellence at CHS.

In-person attendance is not required during the morning P&I time on May 23, 24, and 25 (Exceptions may include required attendance by a specific teacher or if a parent/guardian registers students for all-day attendance.) Parents/caregivers who want their students to remain on campus for the entire day (9:05 am – 4:05 pm) in supervised study areas on May 23-25 must complete a Google Form no later than May 19. Students working virtually during P&I time or only

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attending scheduled meetings with teachers do not need to fill out the form. Students registered for the full P&I time are expected to remain on-campus all day.

ACE SPECIFICS

- ****Due to graduation rehearsal (May 25th), Senior G3 & G4 ACE will be on Friday, May 19.****
 - » 9th-11th grade students will have their G3 & G4 ACE on May 25.
- On May 22, the B4 ACE is on a full in-person school day.
- On May 23, 24, and 25, ACE classes begin at 12:50 pm each day. Students not already on campus may start arriving at 12:05 pm. Please read through transportation details for drop-off details.
- Students must remain on campus during an ACE period unless it is an emergency or necessary absence, and Student Services give permission.
- Any student with a family-related conflict during ACE periods will make up their work once they return from their pre-approved conflict.
- Medical documentation must be provided to the Attendance Office for excused medical absence. Without a doctor's note, students must be seen by our Health Center nurses. The absence will be excused if the Health Center staff finds the student too ill to attend. Otherwise, students will be expected to complete the ACE. If medical documentation is provided and the student feels better before the end of the week, they are allowed to work with their teacher(s) to complete the ACE. If unable to complete their ACE during the final week of the semester, the student will complete their ACE when they are well enough to return. This may require entering an Incomplete for the student's grade until the ACE is completed. Students who are not medically excused and have not been pre-approved through the

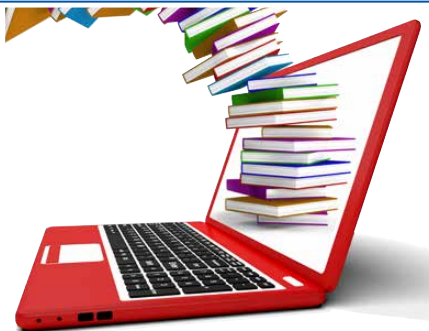


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P&I SPECIFICS

- Students should request a pass from each teacher in advance for in-person visits. Students will have their passes verified by school personnel before being allowed access to the building before 12:05 pm.
- Students with their own transportation not signed up for a full day of attendance may sign in for the P&I visit, then depart CHS until classes begin at 12:50 pm. If you prefer to stay on campus after your teacher meeting, you may do so by reporting to one of the designated study session locations.
- Students must present their ID at sign-in tables inside Doors 9 (main cafe), 13 (freshman center) or 17 (fieldhouse) and keep it visible in the hallways, as hallway supervisors will monitor student activity. Students must be on a pre-approved list to visit a teacher.
- Students must use the study sessions to prepare for their upcoming ACE only. No games (card, board, or video) will be allowed. Students are allowed to bring individual-sized snacks/drinks and use headphones for listening to music.
- Students registered for the study session can show supervisors a pass to be released to a teacher's classroom. You would then report back to your previous study session location until campus opens at 12:05 pm.
- All students on campus prior to 12:05 pm must be accounted for and will not be allowed to gather in unsupervised areas of the building such as the gym, Greyhound station, main office commons, etc.

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2022-2023 Semester 2 ACE Schedule				
Friday, May 19th Full Day (Gold)	Monday, May 22nd Full Day (Blue)	Tuesday, May 23rd Half Day (Gold/Blue)	Wednesday, May 24th Half Day (Blue)	Thursday, May 25th Half Day (Gold)
G1	B1	Preparation & Intervention Time 9:05-12:05 Lunch 12:05-12:35	Preparation & Intervention Time 9:05-12:05 Lunch 12:05-12:35	Preparation & Intervention Time 9:05-12:05 Lunch 12:05-12:35
G2-SSRT	B2			
G3 (SENIOR ACE)	B3	G1 12:50 - 2:20 (ACE)	B2 12:50 - 2:20 (ACE)	G3 12:50 - 2:20 (NO SENIORS)
G4 (SENIOR ACE)	B4 (ACE)	B1 2:35 - 4:05 (ACE)	B3 2:35 - 4:05 (ACE)	G4 2:35 - 4:05 (NO SENIORS)
Students should use SSRT on May 15, 17 and 19 as P&I time. During those SSRT periods, we will not have Creating Connections time to allow students more time to prepare for their upcoming ACE periods. SSRT Schedule May 15, 17, & 19 10:45 - 12:15 <i>Announcements: 10:45 - 10:55</i> <i>Academic Session 1: 10:55 - 11:35</i> <i>Academic Session 2: 11:35 - 12:15</i> <i>Tardies: 10:45 - 10:55</i>				

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- Students working off-campus on May 23, 24 or 25 may eat lunch off-campus or at CHS.
- Students registered by their parents for a full day on campus may not leave to eat lunch.
- CHS cafeteria menu offerings will be limited and will be served from 12:05 -12:35 pm for students wishing to eat lunch at school. Transportation, Arrival & Dismissal Information:
- Buses will provide transportation to and from school on the normal schedule.
- Dismissal will operate as usual for all students, including parent pick-up at the stadium.
- Students who wish to work off-campus in the morning will be responsible for their own transportation to school and must be ready for ACE sessions starting at 12:50 pm.
- Campus will be open and lunch served at 12:05pm. Students are welcome to arrive before campus opens but must report directly to their respective study location unless possessing a pass to work with a teacher.
- Students may be dropped off at Door 9 (main café) or Door 13 (freshman center). **Please note traffic volume may be high. To avoid traffic congestion, students should arrive by 12:15 pm.**



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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 food items we collect, please visit the PTO website at <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/pto-chs/fundraising> for additional information. Food donations are accepted year-round and can be dropped off outside the Freshman Center office (door #13) during school hours. We are also in need of \$10 gift cards to Meijer or Kroger which can be dropped off directly to the Freshman center office staff. Monetary donations can be made online via our PayPal at the above web address or mailed to the High School via check made out to the CHS PTO with Backpack Program written in the memo line. A QR code link to our PayPal link is included below. Financial donations are used to purchase food items, gift cards, and fresh fruit. We so appreciate the support of the CCS community!



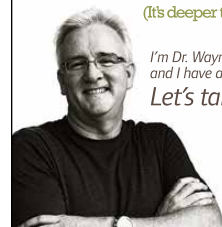
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School ID Reminders

- To enhance safety and efficiency, students are 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.



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