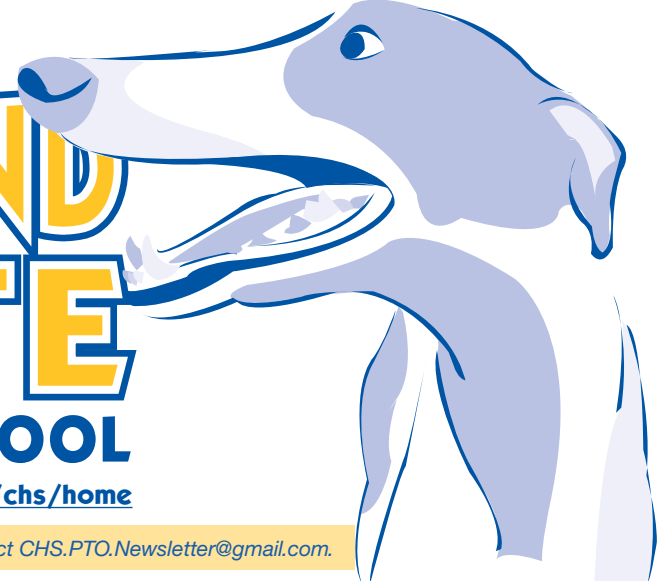




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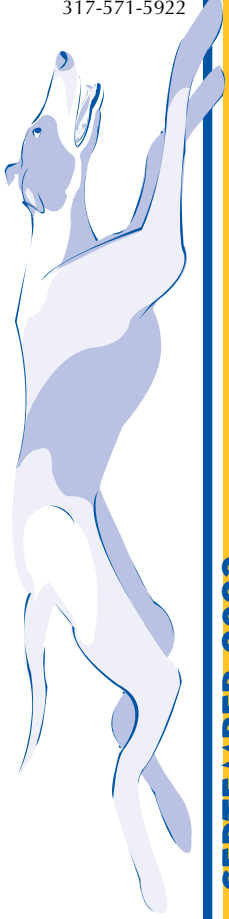
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## A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DR. TIM PHARES

I want to start by thanking our families for your support as we opened the school year. Our students, staff, and parents have done an excellent job navigating around our campus in a safe and timely manner. I want to encourage everyone to slow down around campus and make sure to use all of the marked crosswalks. Hopefully, you had a chance to watch the parking video with your child/ren to ensure they are parking in the correct locations. Again, thank you for your attention to safety when traveling to and from CHS.

As we begin each year, we are always excited to see students interacting in the hallways, getting to class on time, and turning in assignments. We met with groups of students the first week of school to emphasize dressing for success, meeting deadlines, and being in school! We appreciate your support as we know the best way to learn is by being present and engaged in the classroom. Also, I hope you have had an opportunity to watch our teacher videos as part of our CHS Scholastic Spotlight to gain a better understanding of the courses your child/ren are taking here at CHS.

Our fall athletic teams are already in full swing as they are competing across the state. Last week, we had to alter many of the athletic schedules as we faced the heat. I am thankful we have been able to reschedule several of the canceled contests as I always enjoy watching and supporting our students as they get involved in different activities. Please continue to have conversations with your student/s about getting involved at CHS. Whether it be a club, a sport, or performing arts, I truly believe it helps our students learn valuable life lessons while making new connections. I encourage everyone to get out to cheer on our Greyhounds during our Homecoming on Friday, September 22. It is always a spirited week as our students join together to celebrate being a Greyhound!

I am sure many of you are aware of a recent tragedy at Carmel High School. Our boys Lacrosse coach, Jack Meachum, was tragically killed in an automobile accident on August 22nd. Whether you offered your thoughts, prayers, or support throughout this difficult time, we are grateful for you as a member of the Greyhound Family. Coach Meachum was known for many wonderful things. He would always say, "It's a great day to have a great day!" Let's honor Coach Meachum with this mindset each day at CHS and make it a great day. He lived life to the fullest and we are thankful for the impact he had on so many Greyhounds.

Dr. Tim Phares



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ALL DATES ON  
THE WEBSITE.**

## TOP OF THE NEWS

Thank you to all the families who have already donated! **We are still in need of \$7,000** to reach our goal - please help us by donating! Reminder: all donations go directly to benefiting the students and staff of Carmel High School. Volunteer opportunities are still available, when you click on donation link below you can learn more as well as donate:

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**Did you know that the Carmel High School PTO either funds, supports and/or organizes the events below?**

- Homecoming Dance
- School Newsletter
- Freshman Orientation
- Backpack Program
- Senior Celebration Month
- Top Scholars Celebration
- Monthly Staff Appreciation
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- After Prom event
- PTO General Meetings with staff
- Blue/Gold Calendar and more!



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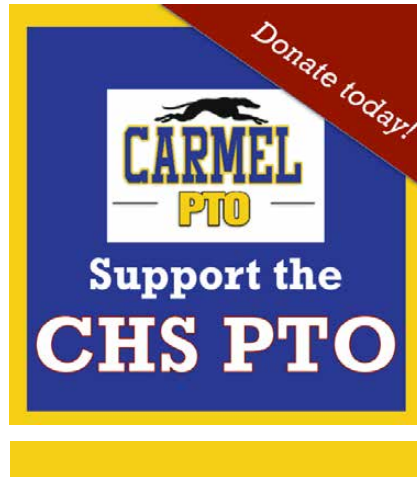




**Homecoming Dance is only two weeks away!** Please save the date for Saturday, September 23rd. Tickets will be on sale for students to purchase the week before during school hours. To help make this event a success, please consider signing up to help with Ticket Sales and the Dance.

**Our first PTO General Meeting will be at 1pm on September 6th!** For future dates, please mark your calendars and join us to hear school updates directly from Vice Principal and Counseling Department - and get PTO updates as well! Remaining PTO General Meeting dates are:

- November 1st @ 1pm in "Meeting Room C"
  - February 7th @ 1pm in "Meeting Room C"
  - March 6th @ 1pm in "Meeting Room C"
  - May 1st @ 1pm in "Meeting Room C"
- (all meetings will be at Carmel Clay Library)



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The CHS PTO Backpack Program provides food on the weekends for students who need extra nutrition. The program relies entirely on donations and volunteers. If you are interested in learning more, please email Jennifer Cassidy. Financial donations can be made at [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=E44S624ZUH7VG](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=E44S624ZUH7VG) or via check made out to CHS PTO with Backpack Program in the memo. Financial donations are used to buy fresh fruit and food items for weekly packs and gift cards for breaks.

**New this year:** We are using an Amazon wish list to help stock the pantry this fall. If you are interested in purchasing needed food items directly from Amazon please follow this link: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3H7VKB3FX8TPA?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3H7VKB3FX8TPA?ref=wl_share). Please choose "CHS Backpack Program Gift Registry Address" as the shipping address in your cart to send items directly to the school. Items not shipped to school can be dropped off at Door 13 during school hours.

**Tuesday Treats are monthly throughout the school year!** This month's SignUp Genius to help can be found at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA5A729A3F5C16-september1#/>

Any questions, please reach out to the PTO Hospitality Team at [carmelptohospitality@gmail.com](mailto:carmelptohospitality@gmail.com).

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CHS College & Career Advisors, Ms. Elizabeth Henke and Mr. Pettibone, are eager to meet with students and families who want assistance with the college search and career exploration process. Priority is currently given to seniors requesting appointments, but students in all grade levels are welcome to make an appointment. A College & Career Advisor is in the office on all school days between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Students can request an appointment by completing the online Counseling Center [appointment request form](#). Students can indicate whether a parent would like to be present when completing the online form. Parents can join these meetings in-person or virtually. The CCRC is located in B107 across from the Counseling Department.

**“FOLLOW” US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**

Parents and students can follow the College and Career Resource Center on Twitter and Instagram. This is a great way to learn quickly about college admissions information, application deadlines, scholarships, financial aid information, college rep visits, special programs, and more. Be sure to follow us on Twitter @CHSCollege411 or Instagram @chscollegecareer. The same information is posted on both platforms, so choose the one that you prefer!

**SENIORS: GET HELP WITH THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS**

**College Application & Essay Help Sessions for CHS Seniors**

CHS Seniors can get help with their college applications and essays during SSRT this fall. These sessions will take place in the CCRC office located in B107 across from the Counseling Department. Space is limited, and seniors must register in advance via their Naviance Student account in the College Visits section. Seniors who sign-up to attend a help session should come prepared with questions and/or an essay to be reviewed.

**COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REP VISITS TO CHS**

Each year, over 100 college and university admissions representatives visit Carmel High School during the fall semester to share information about their campuses with our students. Participation in these visits is a convenient way for students to research colleges and make direct connections with admissions professionals. The visits occur during SSRT, and **students in all grades** are welcome and encouraged to sign-up. A schedule of upcoming admission rep visits can be viewed from students' Naviance Student account in the *college visits* section.

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We hope that you will review the list of college admissions representatives who will be visiting CHS this fall and help your student identify those that interest them. Remember to check the rep visit schedule often throughout the fall semester because new visits are added daily. **Don't forget that students must sign-up at least 24 hours in advance!**

**UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIRS**

- Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) College Fair hosted by Noblesville Schools, Hamilton Southeastern Schools, and Carmel Clay Schools, September 7, 5:30-8:00 pm, at the Noblesville Schools Community Center
- Hamilton County College Fair, September 12, 6:30-8:00 pm, at Fishers High School
- NACAC Virtual College Fairs, September 10, October 15, November 12, Register at [www.nacacattend.org/fairs](http://www.nacacattend.org/fairs)
- North Indianapolis Christian College Fair, October 5, 6:00-8:00 pm, at Heritage Christian High School
- Greater Indianapolis Northside College Fair, March 12, 6:00-8:00 pm, at Grand Park Events Center in Westfield

**JUNIOR/SENIOR COLLEGE & CAREER INFORMATION NIGHT**

The CHS College & Career Resource Center (CCRC) will host a Junior/Senior College & Career Information

Night on Monday, September 18th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. starting in the CHS Auditorium. The program will include a general opening session and an option to attend two breakout sessions on topics of interest and relevance for our juniors and seniors as they plan for their futures after high school.

**FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES**

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens in **DECEMBER 2023** for students attending college in Fall 2024. Families can access the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/>. **NOTE: The 2024-25 FAFSA opens later this year due to significant changes to the application.**
- CHS encourages all seniors to submit a FAFSA in order to maximize all financial aid and scholarship opportunities. **NOTE: New legislation from the State of Indiana requires all high school seniors to submit the FAFSA or complete a waiver form.**
- Information about applying for Financial Aid will go out to all CHS seniors/families in early-October, and CHS will offer a Financial Aid Night for students and parents on October 25th in the CHS Auditorium from 6:30-8:00pm. Our partners at INvestEd [www.investedindiana.org](http://www.investedindiana.org) will be the featured presenter.
- CHS will offer a FAFSA Completion Event on February 13th from 4:30-

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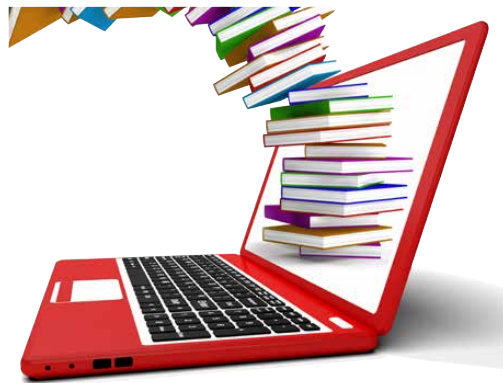


7 p.m. in the Media Center. Seniors and their families can get assistance with the FAFSA from our partners at INvestEd during this event. More information about how to sign-up for the FAFSA Completion Event will be sent home via email to seniors and parents.

- The State of Indiana will host a [College Goal Sunday](#) event on February 25, 2024 from 2-4 p.m. at a variety of locations across Indiana. Families can get help completing the FAFSA from financial aid professionals at this FREE event.
- The deadline to submit the FAFSA in the State of Indiana is April 15th, but please note that many colleges set an earlier FAFSA deadline for scholarship and financial aid consideration.

**IU GROUPS STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM**

CHS is a nominating school for the IU Groups Scholars Program on the Bloomington campus. IU Groups offers support (academic, social, and financial) to first-generation college students and students from underrepresented groups. Income guidelines are part of the eligibility requirements. If you are interested in learning more about IU Groups, contact Mrs. Stephan to learn more. IU Groups Scholars Program applications for current seniors are due by November 1st.



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**COLLEGE VISITS**

All students considering attending college upon graduating are encouraged to visit colleges and universities in person whenever possible, in order to experience a variety of campus environments and identify a college fit. All colleges offer visits for interested students throughout the school year and often in the summer. College visits might include a campus tour, an admissions information session, and even a meal on campus. Some colleges offer special visit programs for specific majors and programs as well. To set up a college visit, just visit the admissions page for colleges of interest and register to visit online. College visits are considered an excused absence at CHS, as long as a parent calls the absence in as a prearranged absence to the attendance line or via School Dismissal Manager. Want to see campuses but can't visit yet? Most colleges offer a virtual tour of campus from their websites, or you can check out <https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/> to explore hundreds of colleges virtually!



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**SAVE THE DATE!**

CHS will host a **Healthcare & Human Services Majors and Career Fair on Wednesday, November 15th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Freshman Cafeteria.** More details will be shared with students and families in the coming weeks. Career professionals in these areas as well as educational and training program representatives will be in attendance to share information.



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Your school counselors recommend taking both the SAT and the ACT once in the winter/spring of the junior year, comparing the results to determine the stronger score, and then retaking the stronger test later in the spring of junior year or early in the fall of senior year. Remember, standardized testing is only one part of all the information that colleges consider as they review a student's application. Many colleges are also now TEST OPTIONAL, meaning students can apply to colleges without a test score if they feel it is not the best demonstration of their abilities. Please check college websites to see if this is an option for you. Please note that Purdue University is now requiring test scores for admission.

The ACT test continues to offer an optional writing section for students. It is at the discretion of individual colleges whether they REQUIRE the writing section for admission. Please check with your colleges before deciding whether or not to take the writing test.

The preferred method of registration for the SAT and ACT is online. For the ACT, go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or for the SAT go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). Test dates are also available in the Counseling Course within Canvas.



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### DRIVING & PARKING ON/NEAR CAMPUS

Parking on campus property and adjacent to school buildings will be limited to staff and by permit parking only. All students should park at the stadium. Any exceptions must be approved by the Student Services office. Vehicles are to be parked properly in designated parking spaces with parking permits clearly displayed. Vehicles not parked properly in the designated parking spaces may face disciplinary consequences.

### 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.

### STAYING INFORMED

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 for information about: reporting attendance, bus stops, lunches, calendars, textbook payments, tutoring, technology support (Canvas, Chromebook, Edmentum, PowerSchool).

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CALENDAR

View the School Calendar

<https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/chs/about/calendar>



## FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER

CHS Counseling is on Twitter! Be sure to follow us @counselingatchs to stay caught up with the Academic, SEL, and College/Career services and resources offered by the CHS Counseling Department.



### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH TESTING FOR GRADES 9, 10 & 11 // SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

CHS freshman, sophomores and juniors will be involved in standardized testing during the morning hours of Thursday, October 19th. Information about the programming for seniors on that morning will be sent directly to parents of seniors in late September. Information about PSAT8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT for sophomores and juniors is below. Students will attend classes that afternoon.

### PSAT 8/9 TEST—OCTOBER 19TH (FRESHMEN)

The PSAT 8/9 is the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments. It is closely aligned with the PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT. Student scores will establish a baseline for college and career readiness as students begin high school.

This Fall the PSAT 8/9 will be administered in a new digital format that will provide an overall easier testing experience for students. Your child will take the PSAT 8/9 on October 19th using their school-issued device.

### PSAT/NMSQT TEST – OCTOBER 19TH (SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS)

The PSAT/NMSQT is a test that can assist in creating opportunities for students to plan for their future. Whether your child is thinking about attending a two- or four-year college, is going straight into the workforce, or isn't sure what they want to do after high school, the PSAT/NMSQT can help make their path clearer.

Results from this test provide insights into your child's academic strengths, along with areas they can work on while still in high school. It enables them to see where they are and set a target for where they want to be, provides practice for the SAT and provides information on what AP Courses they might be ready to take. Taking the PSAT/NMSQT can also help your child enter the National Merit Scholarship Program if they meet program requirements.

This Fall the PSAT/NMSQT will be administered in a new digital format that will provide an overall easier testing experience for students. Your child will take the PSAT/NMSQT on October 19th using their school-issued device.

The PSAT test fee for freshman, sophomores and juniors is funded by the Indiana Department of Education.

If you have any questions concerning the above testing programs, please contact your student's counselor.

### NAVIANCE STUDENT

The CHS Counseling Department will continue to use **Naviance Student** to assist students and their parents with college and career planning.

**Naviance Student** serves as a one-stop-shop where students can research colleges, explore career options, sign up to participate in special programs, reserve a spot for an admissions rep visits, explore summer enrichment opportunities, create a resume, and more! Seniors will also use their *Naviance Student* accounts to request transcripts and letters of recommendation for college applications, as well as identify scholarship opportunities. Students will notice this year that Naviance has an updated user interface which hopefully will provide them easier navigation and access to its tools. More details about *Naviance Student* can be found within the CHS Counseling Canvas course.



### CLASS OF 2024 APPLICATION PROCESS

During the week of August 21st, seniors viewed a video during SSRT which provided an overview of the college application process and how seniors can utilize the resources in *Naviance Student* to help them plan for the future. The video included the process for requesting transcripts, letters of recommendation and counselor reports for college applications using *Naviance Student*. An email was also sent out to all seniors outlining the college application process and providing them a calendar link to schedule an individual senior conference with their counselor. The video of the college application process is also available to view on the CHS Counseling website and in the CHS Counseling Canvas course.