



# October Newsletter

## Important School Dates

- October 9: Garwin Family Foundation Informational Lunch & Local Career Fair (by invite)
- October 11: No School; County Institute
- October 14: No School; Columbus Day
- **October 16: PSAT/NMSQT (registered students) & Deadline for SEMO College Fair**
- **October 21: SEMO College Fair (for juniors who complete the registration)**
- October 24: ½ Day, Dismiss @ 11:45 am; School Improvement [Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment only 5:00-8:00 pm]
- October 25: No School [Parent/Teachers Conferences by appointment only 9:00 am – noon]  
**Stop by and see Ms. Murphy & I outside the cafeteria!**
- November 11: No School; Veteran's Day
- November 25-29: No School; Fall Break
- December 18: Dismissal @ 12:25 pm; Final Exams [periods 4, 5, 6]
- December 19: Dismissal @ 12:25 pm; Final Exams [periods EB, 1, 2, 3]
- December 20: No School; Teacher Institute
- December 23-January 3: No School; Winter Break
- January 6: ½ Day, Dismiss @ 11:45 am; 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins
- **April 14: Official Statewide SAT (junior students)**

## Upcoming College/Career Visits at CCHS

- ★ October 7: Southeast Missouri State Univ.; U.S. Coast Guard; Ranken Technical College
- ★ October 10: Missouri University of Science & Technology
- ★ October 16: University of Illinois at Springfield; MacMurray College; DePaul University
- ★ October 17: McKendree University; University of Evansville; Truman State University
- ★ October 18: Michigan State University
- ★ October 21: Lindenwood University; University of Alabama in Huntsville; Dominican University; Iowa Wesleyan University
- ★ October 23: Greenville Univ.; Illinois College; Univ. of Illinois at Chicago, Knox College
- ★ October 30: St. Louis College of Pharmacy; Saint Louis University; Fontbonne University
- ★ November 5: Q&A with Mrs. Murphy: What are my college/career options?
- ★ November 6: Blackburn College
- ★ November 7: Illinois Wesleyan University
- ★ November 8: Harris-Stowe State University; Southeast Missouri Hospital College of Nursing & Health Sciences
- ★ November 13: University of Missouri Columbia
- ★ December 3: Q&A with Mrs. Murphy: Why is everyone talking about my transcript?

## **Ask your student about his or her GPA & SAT Goal!**

Research suggests that the most frequently noted indicators associated with High School postsecondary success is attendance, GPA, and test scores.

Factors most important to colleges/universities, ranked in order:

School Achievement 83%

Test Scores 86%

Recommendations 47%

Essay 46%

Interview 29%

Activities 31%

### **Class of 2021 GPA & SAT goals for junior year:**

**GPA Goal: 3.078**

(Current cumulative class GPA is 2.985)

**SAT Goal: 1013**

(10<sup>th</sup> grade PSAT average was 942; 9<sup>th</sup> grade PSAT average was 897)

### **Do not miss the opportunity to sign up for the upcoming SEMO College Fair (juniors only)**

**When:** Monday, October 21 (bus leaves at 11:30; students will eat a sack lunch on the bus; the college fair is from 12:30-2:00; we will return by 3:00)

**Who:** Open to CCHS Juniors (you must complete 2 steps to register, see below)

**Why:** This is an opportunity for students to meet with over sixty (**yes, 60**) college admissions representatives and check out SEMO's campus.

**How do you sign up? (STEP 1)** Complete the SEMO College Fair Survey (found in an email from Ms. Murphy on 9/30 as well as **(STEP 2)** pick up and return a completed *Field Trip Permission Form*, found in and returned to the Counseling Office) **by 12 PM ON OCTOBER 16, 2019!**

## Upcoming Q2 Visits

Mrs. Antrim will be visiting students in their English 3 classes the last week of October & Ms. Murphy will be visiting students in their U.S. History classes in November to explore college options and create plans for post-secondary endeavors. The goal is for EVERY STUDENT to have AT LEAST **THREE COLLEGES** he/she plans to apply OR POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS by the END OF JUNIOR YEAR. How can you help at home?

- Have conversations with your student about his/her plans; provide support and encourage exploration. Support student's interests, skills, and values as they explore—making sure the goals & personality of the student are well matched with those of the college; this helps in finding the *right fit* for college.
- Encourage your student to sign up for college visits, fairs, etc.
- Be aware of college admissions requirements (HS courses, GPA, SAT scores).
- Help your student stay organized (follow *College Planning: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade* handout provided in students' red folder) and set goals for the year.
- Urge your student to study for the SAT in April (utilize Naviance, College Board, & Khan Academy).
- Search together colleges that meet your child's needs (check out this [website](#)).

## National Honor Society: What you need to know...

October 1: letters of eligibility (GPA of 3.0+) emailed & mailed to juniors & seniors.  
(*Contract & Oath* provided in this letter.)

October 11: **deadline** for signed *Contract & Oath* to the Principal's Office.

October 16: NHS Application link will be emailed to qualifying CCHS students.

\*Look for more information about NHS Application Instruction & Review Sessions available to students for help on the NHS Application process.

November 8 (3:00 pm): online submission **deadline** for all NHS applications.

## More information about the PSAT/NMSQT

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Carbondale Civic Center, students had to register by September 13 (**102 juniors did!**). For juniors, this assessment is the qualifying exam for National Merit Scholarship consideration. The pre-administration session will be during SSR Tuesday, October 8.

If you signed up, you will need to report to the area in front of the Principal's Office by 8:15 am on 10/16. Buses will leave at 8:25 to travel to the Civic Center. We should be done in time for students to eat Lunch B at CCHS. Students will attend 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> periods. Students need to bring two #2 pencils and a calculator. Please do not bring any electronic devices. You can bring water & snacks for breaks.

FREE PSAT/NMSQT (SAT) prep available via [CCHS Naviance Login Page](#).

## National College Fair in St. Louis

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY!** Check out this [link](#) to learn more about a National College Fair provided at St. Louis University on Sunday, October 20 from 1:00-4:00 pm. There will be over 200 colleges & universities represented from all over the U.S.

## Personal College Visits: Junior Year

Students are allowed two (2) college visits junior year and two senior year. A form with all signatures must be completed 5 days prior to the student's absence & the student must bring back proof (to CCHS Attendance) confirming the college visit.

## How does my student sign up for college/career visits at CCHS?

To find the date & time of college/career visits students must log in to their Naviance Account [to access: go to the school website & click the red button titled *Naviance* to log in]. Once in Naviance, students need to scroll to the *What's New* section and there they will see a list of all visitors. By clicking "register" students will be automatically signed up & will receive a pass from class to attend (visits last the length of 1 class period). Students are responsible to check in with teachers & complete any missed work. **All students have been encouraged to check their account daily and register for all the visits for which they would like more exposure & information.**

## Other ways to *stay in the loop* junior year...

1. **REMIND texts (for students):** Remind allows Mrs. Antrim to send text messages to students individually or in a group. If students are interested in signing up for Remind, follow the steps below.

Text this message "@cchs-21" to 81010

If you have trouble try texting the same message "@cchs-21" to (734) 720-1263

2. **WEBSITE:** Another great way to stay in the loop is to follow my webpage, visit: CCHS Website/Students & Parents/Class of 2021
3. **NEWSLETTERS:** sent to students & parents via email from both Mrs. Antrim and Ms. Murphy. Please be sure that the email you have on the *Parent Portal* is up-to-date and accurate in order to receive these updates.
4. **CLASS of 2021 FACEBOOK (for students):** Check out and join the CCHS Class of 2021 Facebook page for news, events, pictures, and updates.