

COUNCIL GROVE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It has been a very rewarding winter at CGHS. Our boys' basketball team generated some excitement in USD 417 by earning a return trip to the 3A State Basketball Tournament. In support of the team, CGHS was presented the Sportsmanship Award for the positive manner in which our students and patrons supported our team at the state tournament.

While experiencing success in extracurricular activities, our students have been preparing for and participating in state assessments. We will soon begin math assessments, and by the end of April we will have completed most of the assessments in math and science.

Balance. It is important that we maintain balance in our lives. Research indicates that students who engage in extracurricular activities in school do well in the classroom. As we enter the final six weeks of the school year, we encourage our students to enjoy the opportunities provided through our activities programs without losing focus on their academic goals.

We also remind students to make good, healthy decisions in all of their activities. With many end-of-year celebrations such as Prom and Graduation, we will be encouraging students to enjoy these activities in a safe manner.

As your Braves work toward the completion of the school year, please encourage them to balance their academics and activities properly and to make good, healthy decisions. **Go Braves!**

PRE-PROM ASSEMBLY

With the help of the Adolescent Assessment and Resource Center, a program within the 8th Judicial District Community Corrections program, will sponsor an all-school assembly on Thursday morning, April 15. The assembly will include speakers who will share personal stories intended to make students aware of the problems resulting from poor decisions involving drugs and alcohol.

The program is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. Parents and patrons are welcome to come and listen to the presentation.

BOYS' BASKETBALL TO 3A STATE

Last year the Council Grove High School Boys' Basketball team qualified for the state basketball tournament for the first time in 29 years. The Braves qualified again in March with a similar run through the sub-state held in Eureka.

The Braves entered sub-state with a 10-10 record. In the first round game against Marion the Braves gained revenge on the Warriors, who defeated the Braves a week earlier.

In the semifinals the Braves Central Heights, the #1 seeded team. After a hard fought game the Braves came out on top to set up the finals victory over Burlington which sent the Braves back to the 3A State Tournament in Hutchinson.

With a 13-10 record, CGHS was seeded #8 and was paired against Wichita Collegiate, the #1 seed and defending state champs with a 22-1 record. The Braves handled the role of underdog well but suffered a 74-32 defeat. Collegiate rolled through the tourney to earn its 3rd state title in four seasons with a 72-32 victory over Minneapolis in the championship game.

The state basketball experience was a wonderful source of pride for CGHS and the USD 417 community. Congratulations, and thanks, to Head Coach Bruce Hula and the Boys' Basketball team for another great finish to a wonderful season.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Current 8th graders, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors have pre-enrolled for the 2010-11 school year. We encourage students and parents to discuss the classes that have been selected for next year. There is still opportunity to make changes now; however, there will be very few class changes allowed in August.

Each year of high school brings about a different set of events. If you have questions about the following reminders, contact Sue Shoemaker, CGHS Counselor.

Freshmen: It is important that freshmen set goals for life. High school is the first step toward meeting your goals. Passing classes during your four years of high school is a must for meeting these goals. Set a specific time to do homework, and turn in assignments on the given due date.

Sophomores: Sophomores should be aware the Flint Hills Technical College is available in the junior year for those who have met the academic qualifications.

Juniors: You must plan when you will take the ACT test. It is important that you take the test before the beginning of your senior year. Contact Ms. Shoemaker for ACT information. It is important that juniors account for taking all required credits. If juniors are concerned about their credits, go to the counseling office to check credits.

Seniors: The next ACT test dates are April 10th and June 12th, respectively. Several scholarship deadlines are approaching. Please check the website for scholarship applications. If they are not available through the website then see Ms. Shoemaker for a hard copy of the application. As you are awarded scholarships please notify Ms. Shoemaker the identity of the scholarship and the amount awarded.

NEWS FROM THE AD'S OFFICE

Any student wishing to participate in athletic activities in USD 417 schools must have a completed physical form on file with the school prior to the first day of practice. **Physicals taken after May 1, 2010 will qualify for the 2010-11 school year.** Start scheduling those physicals now!

Summer Camp Schedule

June 7 – Aug. 5	Weights (M-W-Th)
June 7-11	Girls' Basketball
June 14-18	Football
June 21-25	Dance & Cheer
June 28 – July 2	Boys' Basketball
July 7-10	Wrestling
July 12-16	Volleyball

FFA BLUE JACKET BUZZ

We are looking at consigning farm related items like hedge posts, hog feeders, trailers, running gears, etc. The date that we have set for the consignment auction is **Monday, April 26th and will start at 11 a.m.** The consignment auction will take place at the **Morris County Fairgrounds.**

The proceeds of the auction will go to the FFA. Items brought in by consigners will be making 90% and the FFA will make 10% for commission. If

you want to be on the sale bill talk to Mr. Barr or any FFA member or Alumni member by **April 10th** to be included on the sale bill. We will take items up until day of the sale. Hallgren Auction Services LLC will be the auctioneer for this event. If you have questions about the auction please contact Mr. Barr by phone (620) 767-5149 or e-mail bbarr@cgrove417.org or contact any FFA student or Alumni member. We look forward to doing business with you, and thank you in advance for your support of the Council Grove FFA.

Other FFA Dates to put on the Calendar:

April 7th – District FFA Banquet at Paola

April 10th – FFA chapter lock-in 6 p.m. to 12 a.m.

April 21st – District FFA Livestock/Nursery Landscape/and Food Science Contest at the Morris County Fairgrounds

April 28th – Chapter FFA Banquet at the Morris County Fairgrounds

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Jim Collins, CGHS head football coach, has released information on upcoming events for USD 417 football players. On Thursday, April 8 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. a helmet fitting session will be held for CGHS football players.

Coach Collins will also be conducting a meeting for middle school parents and football players to provide information on the summer weight training program and to share his coaching philosophy. The meeting at CGMS will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting at Prairie Heights Middle School will be on Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.

