

COUNCIL GROVE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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May 1, 2008

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Commencement for the class of 2008 is scheduled for **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18** at Legion Stadium located directly south of Council Grove High School. In case of inclement weather, the program will be moved to the CGHS gymnasium.

In addition to addresses by the Valedictorians, our commencement speaker will be Jim Ehrlich. Mr. Ehrlich is the head custodian at CGHS and was requested by the Senior class to give their commencement address.

IMPORTANT SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Tea	May 7 – 2:00 p.m.
Senior Finals	May 12 & 13
Senior Awards Assembly	May 14 – 8:30 a.m.
Senior Cookout	May 14 – 12:00 p.m.
Baccalaureate	May 14 – 7:00 p.m.
Commencement Practice	May 16 – 9:00 a.m.
Commencement	May 18 – 3:00 p.m.

A memo regarding special information for Seniors and their parents is available with this newsletter. Please contact the CGHS office if you need a copy of the “Senior May Memo”.

KEY DATES FOR UNDERCLASSMEN

Final Exams for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will be held on **Tuesday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 21**. Please avoid making appointments for your student on these days.

The **last day of school is Thursday, May 22**. Dismissal at CGHS will be at 11:20 a.m. There will be no lunch served on that day, but breakfast will be served as usual.

COLLEGE CLASSES

A high school student who is classified as a junior or senior may take classes for college credit through Butler Community College. There is a BCC office in Council Grove.

CGHS offers concurrent credit classes in College English and College Algebra to qualified seniors. Successful completion allows the student to receive high school credit while also gaining college

hours. A CGHS senior must also enroll and pay fees to BCC.

All high school students enrolling at BCC must have taken the SAT, ACT, or Asset Test and met minimum test scores. Contact the BCC office in Council Grove at 767-5158 for more information.

NEW NHS MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following nine CGHS juniors who were inducted into the National Honor Society on Wednesday, April 30: **Katie Anders, Sean Carr, Courtney Frye, Elyse Hecht, Nicole Peterson, Catherine Robidou, Danielle Siegle, Jeri Sigle, and Jessica Zimmerman.**

According to national guidelines, four areas (scholarship, character, leadership, and service) must be considered in selecting members. All juniors with a five-semester GPA of at least 3.25 are evaluated by faculty members. They rate the student’s character, leadership, and service to the school and community. This evaluation counts 50%, and the student’s grade-point average counts 50% in the final selection.

The two totals are combined. A panel of teachers meet and review a list of the combined point totals, without students’ names being revealed. The committee’s responsibility is to decide how many students will be initiated. After considering the size of the class and a natural break in the points, a number is determined.

The senior NHS members wrote original skits and performed them at the assembly in the CGHS auditorium to announce the new members. A formal initiation ceremony and reception for members and their parents followed.

STATE ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The state science assessments were administered to CGHS juniors and sophomores on April 25. We have now completed all scheduled state assessments to be given at CGHS for the 2007-08 school year. We are pleased with the preliminary reports, but we will wait until all reports are finalized before evaluating our school’s scores on the state assessments.

We appreciate our student body for giving their best efforts on the state assessments. We are confident we will have numerous students to recognize for exemplary scores. You can expect to have more specific information regarding your student’s score as well as our school’s AYP status by the beginning of the 2008-09 school year.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

On Friday, April 25, the student body of Council Grove High School participated in a Community Service Day organized by the Student Council under the leadership of Al Otero, StuCo sponsor.

Over 170 students provided labor and service to various groups and organizations in the USD 417 communities by washing windows, planting flowers, painting public equipment and facilities, picking up limbs, cleaning community centers, mulching flower beds, and singing with the elderly.

VPL UPDATE

Students in VPL have completed 40 semester credits during the second semester to bring the total credits earned for the school year to 60. Most of these were credits that students needed to make up from previous semesters.

In addition to these credits over 30 students used the VPL lab to prepare for state assessments, and over 20 students were able to receive remediation in order to improve state assessment scores.

LUNCHROOM NEWS

Effective beginning May 1, 2008, students who are in debt over \$3.00 on individual lunch accounts or over \$6.00 on family lunch accounts must pay first, before getting in the lunch line.

Those who have a negative balance must be current by May 1. Following this date no student with a negative balance may purchase ala'carte items. This is the same procedure that has been used in previous years to finalize lunch accounts for the school year.

If you have questions you may contact Leona Wirtz at the CGHS cafeteria (PH 767-6126)

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Pre-enrollment has been completed for the 2008-09 school year for grades 9-12. Final enrollment and corrections can be made during the August enrollment, **August 4-6, 2008**. Contact Ed Bowen, CGHS Counselor, if you have any questions.

GET YOUR PHYSICAL

Students must have a physical on file at the high school office to participate in athletics, Cheerleading, and Bravettes. Any physical which is taken after May 1, 2008 may be used for the 2008-09 school year; therefore, you can get your physicals now. Forms are available in the CGHS office or at the Family Health Center.

RECYCLING PAYS DIVIDENDS!

If you are spring cleaning and have turned up used printer toner cartridges or old cell phones, send them to Martha House in the high school library. She sends them in to the Funding Factory, a company that recycles old cartridges and cell phones and gives us points to buy new equipment.

We have acquired toner, a remote control for projectors, and an internet hub with recycling points this year because people have taken the time to recycle their old toner and cell phones!

CHEERLEADERS FOR 2008-09

Tryouts for the cheerleading squad were held on Saturday, April 12. The following girls will lead cheers for the Braves during the 2008-09 school year: **Paige Blankley, Bailey Castillo, Kari Eisenhut, Lindsey Hewitt, Rachel Hiebert, Nicole Jones, Megan Keplar, Rachael Mayhill, Lacey Miser, and Ally Switzer**. Congratulations!

SUMMER CAMPS

As the school year comes to an end, several of our students-athletes will have the opportunity to attend camps or workouts. Here are a few of the camps listed on the CGHS calendar for the summer:

Football Camp	June 2-5
Weight Training	June 9 – July 31
Boys' Basketball Camp	June 10-13
Girls' Basketball Camp	June 16-19
Bravette Camp @ ESU	June 23-26
Wrestling Camp	July 7-10
Cheerleader Camp @ ESU	July 14-17
Volleyball Camp	July 28 – Aug. 1

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