

# COUNCIL GROVE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We are rolling into the final trimester as the winter sports seasons come to a close, and we will soon be enjoying a spring break. Of course spring break does not guarantee spring-like weather.

On March 1 our Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) calendar allows for spring sports to begin holding practices. There is no mandated break between winter and spring athletic seasons as there is in November between fall and winter seasons. Students and staff are looking forward to the hope of warmer weather conditions as our schedule of outdoor activities increases.

We wish to thank the parents who participated in Parent-Teacher Conferences in February. The percentage of CGHS parents participating in February conferences increased by nearly 20% over February, 2009.

Parents who were unable to attend the conferences to pre-enroll your Brave for the 2010-11 school year should do so as soon as possible. **Go Braves!**

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## NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST

Emily Frese is a National Merit Finalist! She is one of 15,000 students across the United States to receive such distinction. This places her in contention to be one of 8,200 Merit Scholarship winners to be announced later this spring. Emily's honors are based on her scores on the PSAT/NMSQT assessment in October, 2008. Every year college-bound juniors at CGHS are encouraged to participate in this test.

Emily is the first CGHS student to become a Finalist since 1986. According to Aideen Shea, Public Information Coordinator for the National Merit Corporation, Emily is the seventh student from USD 417 to become a Finalist since the National Merit Program began in 1956. Only four Council Grove High School students have ever achieved Scholar status.

Six other Council Grove High School students reached the Semifinalist level. Many other CGHS students have been recognized as Commended Students, but the National Merit

Program does not archive information on commended recognition.

The levels of recognition begin with Commended, followed by Semifinalist, Finalist, and Scholar recognition, respectively. For a CGHS history lesson, below are the CGHS students who have reached and/or surpassed the Semifinalist level:

1965 Jeffrey Ryman – Semifinalist  
1967 Leigh Barker – Semifinalist  
1969 Ramona Curry – Scholar  
1974 Sandra Barb – Scholar  
1978 Elaine Ascher – Semifinalist  
1978 Melanie Keyser – Semifinalist  
1978 Kent Siegrist – Semifinalist  
1980 Jay Cohen – Scholar  
1980 Vickie Cordell – Scholar  
1980 Dean Wainwright – Semifinalist  
1982 Douglas Dettmer – Finalist  
1986 Lori Teghtmeyer – Finalist  
2010 Emily Frese – Finalist (hopeful Scholar)

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## CGHS MUSICAL

This year the spring musical will be *Seussical Jr.* It will be presented March 11th and 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the CGHS Auditorium. *Brave Voices*, most of the high school choir and many of the *Braves on Fire*, as well as a few members of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade music classes, will be participating in the musical.

The cast for the show is as follows:

The Cat in the Hat	(Sarah Hornung)
Jojo/The Girl	(Katrina Banium)
Horton/The Elephant	(Cody Fuqua )
Gertrude McFuzz	(Sheinja Walters)
Mayzie La Bird	(Katie Acosta)
Sour Kangaroo	(Catie Gillaspie)
Mr. and Mrs. Mayor (Erinn Irons and Cody Nosker)	
Bird Girls (Bethany Grover, Cheyanne Tucker, Katelynn Albin)	
The Wickersham Brothers	(Ryan Henry, Zach Craige, Eduardo Acosta)
Yertle the Turtle	(Corey Sherman)
Whos	(6 <sup>th</sup> Graders)

Jungle Creatures, Underwater Creatures, Zoo animals, and Chorus:(Braves on Fire and High School Choir members)

The reservation policy for tickets is changing. Tickets will be \$5.00 per seat and will be available for reservation starting March 8<sup>th</sup> by calling the High School Office at 620-767-5149 or from any member of *Brave Voices*. However, **reserved tickets will need to be paid for in advance**. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the performance.

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### COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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.

**Freshman:** 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 focusing on their junior year at CGHS. 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 10<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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### NEWS FROM THE AD'S OFFICE

Spring athletic practices commence on March 1. All athletes must have a completed physical form on file with the CGHS office prior to practicing.

Council Grove High School, Council Grove Middle School, and Prairie Heights Middle School will need support to host the four track meets this season being held at Legion Stadium in Council Grove. Various duties include markers, measurers, event judges, timers, and pickers - as well as others. If you are interested please contact Dave Watkins at CGHS.

Following are the dates of the track events hosted by USD 417 at Legion Stadium:

April 8 <sup>th</sup> :	CGMS Invitational
April 20 <sup>th</sup> :	PHMS Invitational
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	CGHS Invitational
May 10 <sup>th</sup> :	CGHS JV Invitational

Any help would be greatly appreciated.