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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DR. TOM HARMAS

It is incredible to think we have now completed close to four months of school and are rapidly approaching Thanksgiving. As I reflect on the school year so far, there is much for which to be thankful, both inside and outside of the classrooms.

We are thankful for our 56 seniors who have been designated as National Merit Semifinalists. These students scored in the top 1% of the over 1.5 million students who attempted the PSAT as juniors. This very prestigious award is so difficult to achieve which makes it all the more impressive our total of 56 students doubles the total number of students from all other high schools in Hamilton County.

We are thankful for our student achievements outside of the classroom. Our marching band is the 2021 Bands of America Indianapolis Super Regional Champion. We wish them the best of luck as they continue to the Bands of America Grand National Championships. On the athletic fields, our boys' tennis team finished as State Champions. The girls' and boys' soccer teams finished their seasons as State Runners-Up. Our girls' cross-country team finished as State Runner-Up with the boys finishing fifth in the state. These achievements are all possible due to the hard work and dedication of our student athletes, coaches, and parents. Thank you all for personifying Greyhound Nation.

We are thankful for our Parent Teacher Organization, one of the biggest supporters of Greyhound Nation. This year the vibrancy and eagerness of our PTO leadership team has energized our entire PTO to find new ways to become involved in Carmel High School and in finding new ways to show appreciation to our staff and students. We are so thankful for everyone's efforts, especially the leadership team which includes:

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| Wendy Harlow – President | Kimberli Boston-Smith – Gradfest |
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We are thankful for our entire CHS community for supporting our students and staff. We continue to have high expectations of our students, who respond by showing extraordinary proof of their learning in the form of assessments, writings, production of items, or music being sung or played. Carmel High School is a truly special place in which to learn.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our students, staff, parents, and entire CHS Community!

Sincerely,
Dr. Tom Harmas

NOVEMBER 2021



**PARENTS:
PLEASE CONFIRM
ALL DATES ON
THE WEBSITE.**

From Student Services

ATTENDANCE OFFICE REMINDERS

As we are experiencing a higher volume of students leaving during the school day, we appreciate your patience. We do work all day to take calls off the line. Parents, please call to report a pre-arranged or extended absence as soon as you know about the absence, even if it is days before the absence. This allows us to enter the necessary information, prepare a pass, and have it waiting for your student.

For any absence please call our 24-hour attendance line at 317-571-5915 and follow the prompts.

CONNECTING TO IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 at <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/chs-parents> for information about: reporting attendance, bus stops, lunches, calendars, textbook payments, tutoring, technology support (Canvas, Chromebook, Edmentum, PowerSchool).

STUDENT BEHAVIOR TIP - MAKING GOOD CHOICES

As we are now more than halfway through the first semester, students can become overwhelmed with school work, activities, friends and self-care, which makes it difficult for them to make a good decision. One really helpful strategy to help them make good decisions is an IF/THEN chart. On the left side of the chart students think through the different decisions they can make. On the right side they think through the possible outcomes of those decisions. For example, if a student is overwhelmed with their classes and isn't prepared for a test or quiz the next school day and wants to stay home. On the left side of the chart the student would write "if I stay home from school..." followed by the right side "then, I can study more" " then, I miss instruction in all my classes and can get further behind" " then, I would have more make up work to do." They then think through the opposite decision and on the left write down "if I go to school..." followed by the right side "then, I will take my quiz" "then, I can talk to my teacher" " then, I may be anxious" "then, I will see my friends." This provides students a visual way to see their thinking and then parents can help them process through the chart. Please [click here](#) for an example IF/THEN chart.

Initiatives from Carmel Clay Public Library

CARMEL LIBRARY HOLDS CONTEST FOR TEEN MURAL

The Carmel Clay Public Library is soliciting designs from teen artists for a mural for the new Teens space at the renovated Main Library. Young people in grades 9 through 12 who live or attend school in Carmel are invited to submit their concepts to the library through December 15. The winning artist will receive a \$2,000 stipend and have their work transformed into a wallcovering that will become the bold focal point for the new space.

"Throughout my time at the library I have been continually impressed by the creativity and talent of Carmel teens," said Young Adult Services Manager Jamie Beckman. "We're thrilled to give a teen artist the opportunity to play a part in making this space a place that teens can truly call their own."

The 115-foot wall where the mural will be featured is part of an impressive expansion to the library's previous young adult space. The new area will be housed on the first floor of the Main Library in the space formerly occupied by the audiovisual collection. In addition to young adult books, the space will include new study and programming rooms. The expanded Main Library will reopen in late 2022.

Complete Teen Mural Contest details are available at carmelclaylibrary.org/teens.

FREE HOMEWORK HELP WITH A PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD

Carmel Clay Public Library cardholders of all ages can get free online homework help and tutoring assistance through the Tutor.com service. Available 7 days a week from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., the service connects students with a live tutor to assist with math, science, social studies, and English. Users can also access practice exams and get help with resumes and cover letters.

The tutors are experts in their subjects and include certified teachers, college professors, graduate students, select undergraduates from accredited universities, and other professionals. Tutor and student work one-to-one in a secure online classroom, and no personal information is exchanged between them.

Tutor.com is available at tutor.com/carmelclaypl or through the **free Tutor.com to Go app**. To register online for a library card, visit carmelclaylibrary.org/get-a-library-card.

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CHS PTO Leadership and Contact Info

Carmel High School's PTO leadership team is looking forward to an exciting year with lots of opportunities for parents and guardians to be involved in the high school experience. The PTO is always looking for volunteers, whether you're interested in chairing a committee, joining a committee, or just showing up for a couple of hours! Just email CHS.PTO.Volunteer@gmail.com or visit the PTO web site at [CHS PTO Web Site](#) for more information.

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PTO Meetings 2021-22

All meeting information (including Zoom info) will be emailed to registered PTO members before each meeting. Check the web site in case of changes or updates: [CHS PTO Meetings](#).

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday, December 7, 2021	Community Room	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, January 11, 2022	Community Room	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	Community Room	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	Community Room	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 12, 2022	Community Room	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 3, 2022	Community Room	9:30 a.m.



CHS PTO Registration

All Carmel High School parents and guardians are eligible to join the PTO. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, PTO membership is free and paying dues is voluntary, but registration is required.

The PTO offers many opportunities to get involved! Our programs need parent volunteers often throughout the year so please consider volunteering as well.

Thank you for being involved with Carmel High School and welcome to the CHS PTO

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SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS

Now through the first week of second semester counselors are working with students to plan for any changes to their second semester schedules which were necessary because of first semester failures or teacher recommendations. If you are considering a request for a change to your student's schedule for reasons other than failing a class or following a recommendation made by a teacher, please be sure to check the information about schedule changes found in your student's *Pathways* beginning on page 27. If you have any questions, please contact your student's counselor.

MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPTS

There are often occasions when a college/university requests that you send them a mid-year or 7th semester transcript. This might include the following scenarios:

1. You applied to a Common Application college which requires a mid-year report.
2. Your admission decision was deferred until the college receives a 7th semester transcript.
3. You applied to a college with a regular admissions deadline in January or February and your 7th semester GPA would be beneficial to your application.

If any of these scenarios pertain to you or you need a 7th semester transcript sent for a different reason, please follow the directions below:



- **Common Application Schools:** Counselors will send out a mid-year school report and 7th semester transcript to all Common App colleges in which you have applied. There is no need to request a mid-year transcript for these Common App schools.
- **Non-Common Application Schools:** If you need a mid-year/7th semester transcript for any other reason, please email your counselor with the following information:
 - » Name of College
 - » Deadline for submission
 - » Reason for transcript request (i.e. Deferred admission, scholarship, school requires mid-year, etc.)

It is very important that you only request a mid-year transcript for those schools which require them. These transcripts should be ready to send out beginning the 3rd week of January. Please contact your school counselor if you have any questions.

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Carmel High School students have the option to take one or two courses through Indiana Online Academy (IOA) in the summer if they are retaking a course, needing PE I or PE II or would like to take College Entrance Preparation. IOA summer school dates are June 6 through July 17. Students interested in taking a summer course through IOA must register for the course directly with IOA during their registration window, November 1 through May 28. **Registration for PE I or PE II must be completed by March 1.**

ENROLLMENT FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Enrollment for 8th grade private school students will be on February 9 and 10, 2022. Private schools will be providing CHS with contact information on students wanting to enroll. The counseling office will reach out with additional information to private school parents in January 2022.

HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE

The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology is again offering their homework hotline assistance program. The service is free and is geared toward help in the subjects of math and science. Call 1-877-ASK ROSE. Hours of operation are Sunday – Thursday, 7p.m.-10:00 p.m. Online chat and email questions can also be answered during these hours of operation by clicking this [LINK](#) to their website.

STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION

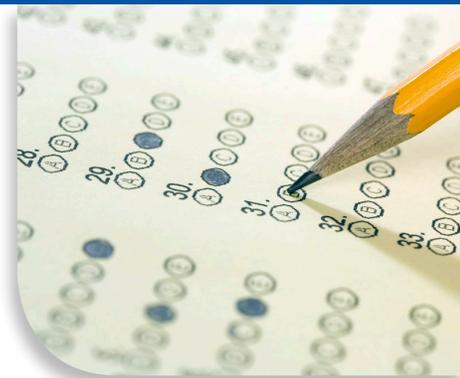
On October 26, all freshmen took the PSAT

8/9 and sophomores and juniors took the PSAT/NMSQT. If students included an email address on their PSAT answer sheet, the access code to their score will be emailed to them from the College Board sometime during the first week of December. Please take some time to look at your student's scores and evaluate what skills need to be improved. There is free SAT prep available through the Khan Academy, which can be accessed through the student's College Board account in the PSAT section.

Beginning with the Class of 2023, all JUNIORS will take the SAT at school in early March, paid for by the state of Indiana. Please keep this in mind as you begin to plan SAT and ACT testing dates for your student.

We recommend that students who plan to attend college take the SAT and ACT at least one time during the winter/spring of their junior year. We have a comparison chart that will indicate which test resulted in the highest score for you. We recommend only retaking the test that resulted in the highest score. Because most colleges will consider the highest combination of any college admission test scores presented with an application, many students will take either the SAT or ACT two times prior to their senior year.

Please keep in mind that MANY colleges are now TEST OPTIONAL. This means that students can choose whether or not you would like test scores considered as part of your application process. It is important to know that some colleges still require a test score for scholarship consideration, so it is very important to do your research



and understand the importance of test scores before you make a final decision.

The ACT will be given at CHS on February 12. The ACT is also offered at other testing locations on April 2, June 11 and July 16. The SAT will be given on March 12, May 7, and June 4 at Carmel High School. The testing companies prefer that students register online at either www.act.org or www.collegeboard.org. The cost for the SAT is \$55. The ACT costs \$60 or \$80 with the optional writing section. Most colleges are NO LONGER requiring the writing section, so plan ahead to see if you need

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to take the ACT with writing or without. Be sure to include the Carmel High School code (150445) with your registration.

We also encourage you to select up to four colleges to have your test scores sent directly. This is offered as a part of your registration process for both the SAT and ACT tests and is free of charge. Even if you don't know whether or not you will report test scores as you apply to college, you can still send your scores to colleges. They will only match up your scores with your application if you indicate upon application submission that you are including your test scores.

TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

Beginning in March, 2022, all JUNIORS will take the SAT during the school day. If your student has a 504 Plan or an IEP, it is necessary to request accommodations to be approved by the College Board by January 11, 2022 to guarantee that those accommodation will be in place for the March SAT test.

To request testing accommodations for either the PSAT/SAT/AP tests or for the ACT, please visit the CHS Counseling Canvas page, under the Testing section for instructions. Contact Stephanie Payne at spayne@ccs.k12.in.us with questions.

UNDERSTANDING THE FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS



Paying for college is on the minds of all parents of college-bound students, and having a clearer understanding about the financial aid process, scholarship resources, and important due dates can help make the college cost and affordability question a little less confusing. The Counseling Office has created two documents to help students and parents navigate the financial aid

and scholarship process. These documents: *Understanding the Financial Aid Process and Finding Scholarships and Merit-based Aid Opportunities* are available in the Counseling Canvas Course in the resources section. To summarize these documents, students and parents should know that:

- All state and federal aid consideration requires completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Some merit-based aid and scholarship opportunities also require completion of the FAFSA.
- The FAFSA application became available on October 1st and is completed for the first time during the senior year prior to attending college in the fall. The deadline to submit the FAFSA in Indiana is April 15th, however some schools may require students to submit the FAFSA earlier.
- There are several resources where families can gain information and get assistance with the financial aid process including:

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- » Indiana Commission for Higher Education (www.in.gov/che)
- » INvestEd Indiana (www.investedindiana.org)
- **ALL graduating seniors should plan to complete the FAFSA to keep all of their financial aid and scholarship options open.**
- The CHS Counseling Office maintains scholarship resources online in Naviance Student...encourage your seniors to explore the scholarship resources in their Naviance Student Account early and often! Also, follow us on Twitter @CHSCollege411 or Instagram @chscollegecareer and Like us on Facebook at "Carmel High School College Counseling" for updates on scholarship information that we receive throughout the winter months.

CARMEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CEF) SCHOLARSHIPS

Founded in 1966, the Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) has as its mission to support the academic achievement of Carmel Clay students through scholarships and teacher grants. Over its 45-year history, CEF has provided more than \$1.7 million in scholarships to CHS graduates. CEF offers over 100 scholarships. These scholarships have specific eligibility requirements that differ from scholarship-to-scholarship, such as evidence of financial need, academic achievement, leadership, extracurricular involvement, etc.

Any CHS senior pursuing higher education by attending a college, university, or vocational school is invited to apply for a CEF scholarship. The online application form and instructions for CEF's 2020 scholarships will be available on December 17 that <http://www1.ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/Scholarships>. The CEF scholarship application MUST be submitted no later than March 15, 2022. For more information, contact Melinda Stephan,

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SCHOLARSHIP CONFIRMATIONS

If your student has earned a scholarship, please submit a copy of the official confirmation letter, including the amount, to Mrs. Melinda Stephan or Mrs. Julie Van Buren in the counseling center. Please submit only those confirmed college scholarships for the school **the student will be attending**. All monetary information will remain confidential. Submission of confirmations will enable your student to be recognized in the graduation program. The last day to submit scholarship confirmations for recognition is Monday, May 2, 2022. Due to coordination and printing deadlines, any awards received after this date may not be included for recognition in the graduation program. **The scholarship confirmation form will be available for seniors after winter break.**

TIPS FROM THE CHS COLLEGE AND CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CCRC)

Junior year is the time to investigate college options and compile a list of schools to which you want to apply. The CCRC Staff will be sharing information about the college search and application process with all Juniors and their parents in March. Students needing assistance getting started or understanding the process can get a head start on this process by requesting an appointment with a College & Career Resource Center (CCRC) staff member. CCRC College & Career Advisors can assist students in a variety of ways, including: understanding the search and application process, generating a list of schools to consider, identifying how their student profile measures up to admissions data/criteria, and more. Students can request an appointment by using the link below, and parents are welcome to join the meeting if they wish to do so. Students should be sure to mark "College & Career Resource Center Appointment Request" as their reason for visit.

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UNDECIDED ABOUT COLLEGE MAJOR/CAREER CHOICE?

Naviance Student is an ideal online tool that CHS students can use to identify career interests, explore career options related to those interests, investigate educational pathways related to various careers, search for colleges/universities that match specific criteria, and more.

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PTO Calendar

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PTO Meeting Dates 2021-22

<https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/pto-chs/meetings>

CALENDAR

Naviance Student offers comprehensive information for students at all grade levels, and students have been learning about the resources in Naviance Student through brief SSRT lessons throughout the fall semester. Counselors will also be highlighting Naviance Student resources during individual advising meetings with students in the coming weeks and months. Information about Naviance Student can also be found in the Counseling Department Canvas Course. Students can access their Naviance Student account by logging into the CCS Student Portal using their usual CHS login information and clicking on the Naviance icon.

UPCOMING COLLEGE & CAREER RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAMS

Save the date and be sure to keep an eye out for more information about these upcoming CCRC events for students and families:

- January 28, 2022 10:45 a.m. (SSRT) Military Academy Day Event
- February 17, 2022 6:30 p.m. Freshman/Sophomore College & Career Planning Night
- March 3, 2022 6:30 p.m. After the FAFSA: Finalizing Financial Aid (for seniors/families)



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Distinguished Grad Application

ATTENTION SENIORS!

After we return from Winter Break, the Distinguished Grad Application will be available online. This program celebrates the well-rounded Carmel Greyhound. Approximately 135 seniors will be recognized as either commended or distinguished at our CHS Graduation Ceremony. One extremely exceptional senior will be recognized as THE Distinguished Graduate for the Class of 2022.

Seniors will receive information at the start of 2nd semester as to how to access the application and the Distinguished Graduate (DG) Worksheet online. Seniors should complete the DG Worksheet prior to completing their application online, as seniors can only submit their online application one time and in one session.



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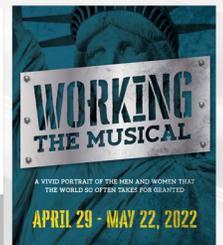
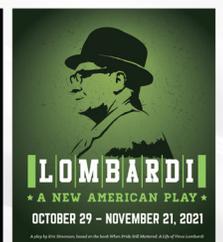
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You have two options to buy: (1) Head to www.yearbookordercenter.com (search for order #17177); or (2) print, fill out and return the attached order form with your cash or check payment.

Please note that we expect to distribute books at school in May 2022, but due to ever-changing circumstances, that plan could change in the coming months. All updates and information will be sent out in this School Messenger format and advertised on Pinnacle social media channels. All yearbook sales are final.

Questions? Contact Pinnacle adviser Claire Burke at cburke@ccs.k12.in.us. Thank you for your support of the 2022 Pinnacle yearbook staff!

Thank you,

Claire Burke and the 2022 Pinnacle yearbook staff

SENIOR ADS

Pinnacle yearbook senior ads are available for purchase! Senior personal ads in the Pinnacle yearbook are a unique and lasting way to congratulate graduates and celebrate friendships. We would love to help you recognize your senior and his or her unique accomplishments.

Senior ads are available for purchase now through **Friday, December 3, 2021**. Please read through the attached order form carefully, as the ordering procedure has changed this year. Necessary materials and further instructions can be found at <https://carmelyearbook.com/senior-ads/>. . . Additionally, all ad components (hard copy and online forms, photos, payment, and any applicable photo releases) must be submitted before your ad space is reserved.

All senior ads will be in color, and will be custom designed by the yearbook staff to match the tone and theme of the 2022 Pinnacle. We do not accept pre-designed ads. For legal reasons, we will need a release for any professional photos you plan to use in your ads. Please contact your photographer in advance for this document.

Questions? Email Pinnacle adviser Claire Burke at cburke@ccs.k12.in.us or pinnacleadseditor@gmail.com with senior ad-specific questions. We look forward to helping you celebrate and remember your child's senior year. Thank you for your support of the 2022 Pinnacle staff!



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