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Dear Partners in Patriot Pride,

I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather and longer daylight. Many seasonal changes, including increased outdoor activity and wardrobe switches, are occurring. Please remember that our school dress code must still be followed. For your convenience, the entire Coventry High School dress code is included in this newsletter on page 3.

Looking In Theatre will be coming to CHS on May 4th during the scheduled enrichment block. The presentation will start at 9:00 and will last approximately 90 minutes. Looking In is a theatre group composed of teenagers from the greater Hartford area, who present dramatic scenes dealing with important social, family, and personal issues such as drugs, alcohol, relationships, AIDS, depression, suicide, and physical/mental and sexual abuse and how these issues affect adolescents. The aim of the program is to highlight the topics so that audience members may talk about these issues openly and to clarify their own personal values so that they can make more informed decisions regarding their own lives.

Please continue to discuss and model safe driving with your families. Once again, we are including in this newsletter the Connecticut teen driving laws and safe driving tips for specific conversation topics.

Wishing you and your families a productive Spring,

Troy Hopkins
Principal

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Academic Honors Reception

On Wednesday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. we will host our annual Academic Honors Reception at Coventry High School. At this event we will recognize our top 15 seniors (weighted GPA), any student that has earned honor roll status in any of the last four quarters, and two students per grade who will receive Patriot Awards. The Patriot awards are presented to students who have exhibited the school's social and civic expectations to a high degree as evidence by multiple faculty nominations. **Invitations will be sent out mid-month. Additional invitations may be sent out just a week prior to the event for students would make honor roll for the first time by the end of the third quarter.** We are proud of the quality academic efforts our students demonstrate on a continual basis. We look forward to seeing many students, parents, and families members on April 28th.

Wednesday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m., in the Old Gymnasium!

School Counseling Department News

The School Counseling Department is currently meeting with juniors during Enrichment to implement the Comprehensive School Counseling Program. The focus of the junior Enrichment is Post-Secondary Planning. School Counselors review a Junior Year Timeline that guides them through such steps such as; SAT/ACT registration process, college search, college choices, college visits/interviews, resume building, college fairs, career interests, etc. Also, juniors will complete the following components in *Naviance*; a College Search, Game Plan, and Personality Type. Students are also encouraged to review results from their *Career Cruising* that they completed as freshmen and sophomores, to help guide them towards a career interest. Each component helps students plan and prepare for post-secondary planning.

Sophomores are next in line for the Comprehensive School Counseling Program. The School Counseling Department plans to meet with sophomores in late spring. The focus for the sophomores will be to help them discover their interests so that they may tailor their high school program for an effective transition from high school to post-secondary ventures. *Career Cruising* and *Naviance* will continue to be the programs utilized to facilitate the objective.

Please feel free to contact your school counselor with any questions. We are happy to help!

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From the Drama Desk

The CHS Drama Company's production of *Bye Bye Birdie* was an artistic success, and it was well received by enthusiastic audiences. Thank you to all who came to see the show. So many people have commended the choreography which was handled by Chelsea Cote and the costumes which were designed and made by Keri Smart. Behind the scenes, the stage technicians were organized and led by Fred North. Lighting and sound design was handled by Kirk Bittner and Anthony Pappalardo. Many thanks go to Mr. Baumgartner and his students for taping the production. And special commendations go to Emma Thomas, the producer of the taping, and Ian Tyszka, the editor of the dvd. Due to the efforts of Emma, Ian, and their classmates, the members of the cast and crew will receive dvds of the CHS Drama Company's rendition of the play.

The CHS Drama Company is grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brown for their ongoing care of the auditorium. They repaired stage curtains prior to the show; and Dave Brown spends a lot of time sharing his expertise with the sound and lighting designers and helps to repair our microphones so that the audiences can hear the performers. We really appreciate all that the Browns do for CHS.

We want to thank Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Petrone for allowing the GHS Robertson students to view a special daytime performance of the play. And thanks to the faculty and staff of both schools for being flexible so that the performers and the audience could have this opportunity.

Pictures of the play will be posted on the CHS Drama Company page of the high school website.

Coventry High School Dress Code

In order to maintain an environment conducive to the educational process, the Board of Education prohibits the following from wear during the academic school day:

1. Coats, jackets or other attire normally worn as outerwear. Outerwear includes: coats, jackets, windbreakers, nylon pullovers, down vests, and other clothing the administration deems inappropriate. Clothing or outerwear shall not be worn, carried or kept in the classroom during regular school hours.
2. Head coverings of any kind, including but not limited to scarves, bandannas, masks, headbands, visors, kerchiefs, athletic sweatbands, hats, caps or hoods. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's religious practice or belief shall not be prohibited under this policy. Head coverings shall not be worn, carried, hung on belts or around the neck or kept in the classroom during regular school hours.
3. Items 1. and 2. above, must be secured in the student's locker before school starts. Items not stored will be confiscated by the Principal.
4. Footwear which mars floors is a safety hazard.
5. Sunglasses, whether worn or carried.
6. "Name" or other oversized metal belt buckles and all metal belts or combination of metal and leather belts.
7. Spiked or studded bracelets, oversized or multi-finger rings, belts or any other article of attire with spikes or studs attached, or any other clothing item that may present a safety hazard to the student, other students or staff.
8. Attire or accessories which contain overly offensive or disruptive writing or pictures likely to unduly disrupt the educational environment, or which constitute "fighting words".
9. Attire or accessories which depict logo or emblems that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages.
10. Shirts and/or blouses which reveal the abdomen, chest, or undergarments.
11. See-through clothing, tank tops or sleeveless shirts. (*tank tops, sleeveless shirts, and dresses that follow #10 above and have shoulder straps of at least 1 inch width may be allowed at the discretion of the administration.*)
12. Shorts, miniskirts, or pants which reveal the upper thigh or undergarments. Spandex garments are allowed only if they are covered by shorts or skirts.
13. Backpacks and/or book bags are permitted to be carried between classes, but shall not obstruct safe passage in the classroom or in the corridors.

Students who fail to comply with the Board policy and regulations concerning student dress will be subject to school discipline up to and including expulsion in accordance with the Board's policy on student discipline.

The administrator has the authority to determine appropriate dress on a case by case basis and may require a student to change his/her attire if it isn't in compliance with this policy. Students may be sent home to change clothing.

Project Graduation

We have quite a few fundraising activities coming up as we come into the home stretch for 2010. Please consider if you can volunteer or donate for:

Rest Stop - Coffee And... - Sunday, May 2nd

Volunteers, in 2 hours increments, to man the Eastbound rest stop on I84 in Willington from 7am - 7pm. We need adults and kids. Kids are especially effective in helping to bring in money donations. Donations of hot dogs, hot dog rolls, small bags of potato chips, creamer/milk for coffee, non-dairy coffee creamer, coffee, hot cocoa, napkins, cups, lemonade mix, a case or two of cans of soda, bottled water. All would be appreciated.

Can/Bottle Drive – Saturday, April 10, Main St. Firehouse (across from CNHMS)

Collect your redeemable bottles and can and then drop them at the firehouse on April 10th from 9am-1pm.

Clean Trash Barrels

Does anyone have a clean trash barrel that you are willing to donate to Project Graduation? We have found a sports venue that has granted permission to collect redeemable bottles and cans from their patrons. We need a couple of trash barrels to collect these bottles and cans.

Chaperone Scheduler and Chaperones for the Celebration

We need someone to create the chaperone schedule for the night of the event.

Please consider volunteering to be a chaperone the night of the celebration. You can stay for 2 hours or the whole night.

Project Graduation depends upon the help of the community to be able to give Coventry's Seniors a safe, substance-free celebration.

Please let us know how you can help by writing to us at chsprojectgraduation@charter.net

Class of 2012 News

The Ring Dance will be held on May 1, 2010 between 7PM – 10PM, in the CHS Cafeteria. Tickets will be sold in advance, beginning April 5th, during the lunch waves for \$5 each. Tickets sold at the door the night of the dance will be \$7 each. Students must be paid up to date with their class dues in order to attend the dance. Class dues from last year are \$35, and class dues for this year are \$25. If you are uncertain about whether or not you are up to date with your class dues, please check with Mrs. Schulze.

The Class of 2012 is currently selling flannel pajama pants! Please support the ***Class of 2012*** and show your ***Patriot Pride*** by purchasing a pair of super-soft pajama pants for **\$25!** The pajama pants are green and white plaid with "Patriots" printed in white up the left leg. Order forms are available in the School Counseling department. Please return your order form with payment to Mrs. Schulze **April 9th**. Cash or Checks are accepted. Please make checks out to: ***CHS Class of 2012***.

Thank you for your support,

Sophomore Class Council

Class of 2010 News

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, GRANDMOTHERS, AUNTS, SISTERS, and FRIENDS! Coventry High School Class of 2010 is "Going Out in Style"! Please join us for our encore **Mother's Day Tea Luncheon** on **Saturday, May 15th** at 1:00 p.m. at Patriots Park Community Center (yes - a week *after* Mother's day due to our Senior Prom). A light lunch, desserts, and a variety of iced teas will be on the menu. A fashion show will also be included with models from the Class of 2010 and others. \$15 per person. Call to make a reservation early as this event has sold out in prior years! Contact Deb at 860-742-5093 for inquiries and reservations no later than May 7th.

Patriot Sports News

After going to the Class S Girls' Basketball finals the last two years, the girls' basketball team was moved up to Class M in the state tournament. Congratulations to the team for making it to the quarter-finals in the tournament this year where they lost a close game to RHAM. Kelly Myers was honored as a NCCC All Conference player and a CIAC All State player. Congratulations Kelly.

The Indoor Track and Field team had six NCCC All Conference athletes. Congratulations go to Alex Amarante, Shane Wilson, Megan MacBryde, Megan Oliphant, Stephenie Oliver and Ada Peters.

Did you know we had wrestling and gymnastics' teams this winter season? Coventry High School was well represented by our 'teams-of-one'. Stephen German was named NCCC All Conference in wrestling and Kelsi Levesque qualified in all four gymnastic events in the CIAC State Open Gymnastics tournament. Congratulations to both Steve and Kelsi on their great seasons.

Opportunities to be Informed and Involved

THE PARENTS CLUB: The next meeting of the Parents Club will be held on Wednesday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Media Center. This will be a combined meeting with the High School Advisory Council.

THE HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL: The next meeting of the High School Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Media Center. Please call Principal Troy Hopkins for more information at 742-7346, Ext. 167.

DONUTS WITH DONNA: The Superintendent of Schools is available for casual conversations with community members during the school year. "Donuts with Donna" is a way for you to greet your school Superintendent, ask questions, and keep informed about education in our town. Please feel free to stop by, where there will be an informal atmosphere with an open dialogue and no set agenda. The next session of "Donuts with Donna" is Tuesday, April 27 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the Song-A-Day Music Center, 2809 Boston Turnpike (Rte. 44).

Coventry Scholarship Foundation Trust

The Coventry Scholarship Foundation Trust is looking for a community member who would be interested in creating and maintaining a website for the foundation. The purpose of this website would be to keep parents and students better informed of scholarship opportunities available through our foundation and update the community regarding our scholarship related activities. Any computer savvy parent wishing to help with the website creation can contact Paul Goodwin at 742-6988.

Final Exam Schedule

	Tues., 6/15	Wed., 6/16	Thurs., 6/17	Fri., 6/18	Mon., 6/21	Tues., 6/22
Exam 7:40 - 9:40	A (Seniors)	C (Seniors)	E (All)	G (All)	A (9-11)	C (9-11)
Exam 10:00 - 12:00	B (Seniors)	D (Seniors)	F (All)	H (All)	B (9-11)	D (9-11)

Dates to Remember

April 12th - 16th - Vacation
 April 28th - Academic Honors Reception
 May 1st - Sophomore Ring Dance
 May 6th - Spring Band Concert
 May 8th - Senior Prom
 May 22nd - Junior Prom
 June 2nd - Choir Spring Concert
 June 3rd - "Land of Make Believe" Night at the Pops Band Concert
 June 4th - Senior Picnic
 June 8th - First Graduation Rehearsal (during Class B - last period)
 June 8th - Senior Awards Night (Second Graduation Rehearsal)
 June 10th - Senior Night
 June 15th - Graduation Rehearsal (12-2)
 June 17th - Graduation Rehearsal (1-2:20)
 June 19th - Graduation
 June 22nd - Last Day of School (Students out at 12:00)

Coventry High School - E-mail notices

If you would like to receive **occasional** electronic notices from the high school, please fill out the form below and return to the main office. Notices may include reminders about open houses, parent conferences, and other events. Also, future newsletters will be sent to you in this electronic format. Paper copies of newsletter will no longer be mailed home. Some paper copies will still be available in the main office.

 Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Year of Grade: (please circle) 2010 2011 2012 2013

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Email address: _____

**FAQ's About Teen Driving Laws
(State of CT Department of Motor Vehicles)**

What restrictions apply to 16 and 17 year olds who hold a photo learner permit issued on and after August 1, 2008?

Restrictions for **ALL** permit holders as of August 1, 2008 are:

Curfew - No curfew, but must be accompanied by a qualified trainer.

Passenger – Only a parent, legal guardian or qualified trainer for the duration of the permit.

What restrictions apply to 16 and 17 year olds who obtain a driver's license issued on and after August 1, 2008?

- **Passenger Restrictions** – For the **first 6 months** after obtaining a driver license, may only drive with:
 - Licensed driving instructor or Person providing instruction who is at least 20 years old, has held a license for at least 4 years with no suspensions during the last 4 years
 - Parents or legal guardian at least one of whom holds a valid driver license.
 - For the **second 6 months**, may drive with the above people and also drive with immediate family
- **Curfew – Until 18th birthday**, may not drive between hours of 11 p.m. – 5 a.m. unless for:
 - Employment, school, religious activities, medical necessity
- **Seatbelt – Until 18th birthday**, all passengers in vehicle must have permanently installed seat belts.
- **Cell Phones and Mobile Electronic Devices. – Until 18th birthday**, may not use cell phones (even if hands-free) or other mobile electronic devices while driving. This includes any hand-held computer or other device with a video display.

For more information concerning teen driving, please open link: <http://www.ct.gov/teendriving/site/default.asp>

Your safe driving resolutions for 2010

Teens:

- Always practice safe driving and obey the driving laws of your state or locality.
- Don't text or use your cell phone while driving.
- Buckle up for safety and make sure all passengers use their safety belts as well.
- Don't drink and drive--or use drugs and drive or ride in the car with anyone whose is drinking or on drugs.
- Maintain your car--getting your oil changed as recommended, your tires inflated as to your car's specifications, and your wipers changed when needed.
- Be a courteous driver on the road
- Encourage safe driving at your school and in your community
- Let your parents know where you're going and when you'll be back.

Parents:

- Set a good driving example for your teens by obeying the driving laws of your state or locality.
- Spend 100 hours of in car training for teens learning to drive
- Provide a safe car for teens to drive
- Give your teen constructive critiques of their driving and keep your temper in check
- Set realistic goals, expectations, and consequences for your new teen driver.

Source: <http://teendriving.com/>