

# 'The Eagle Experience'

Formerly "The Beacon"

## T-H-E Columbia City High School

Fall 2008

### Welcome to the 2008-2009 School Year!

Volume 14, Issue 1

Welcome to our new staff members for the 2008-2009 school year:

- Mr. Gregg A. Goewert, Principal
- Mr. Christopher Lagoni, Assistant Principal
- Mr. David Davis, Attendance Administrative Assistant
- Mr. Sam Gensic, Business/Technology
- Mrs. Mary King, Treasurer
- Mrs. Barb Knuth, Principal's secretary
- Ms. Sarah Maynard, Guidance Counselor
- Mr. Dennis Mettler, Grounds/Maintenance

- Mr. Steve Monesmith, Custodian
- Mr. Kyle Nelson, Industrial Technology/Business
- Mrs. Aimee Ray, Resource Assistant
- Miss Abby Rush, Business/Technology
- Ms. Whitney Shoda, Resource Assistant
- Mr. Ryan Trieschman, Resource Teacher
- Mrs. Sara Wessels, Spanish Teacher



#### CCHS Vision Statement

*"Breaking Through Barriers for Learning"*

#### CCHS Mission Statement

*The Columbia City High School community creates quality learning environments that require all students to reach their full potential of becoming lifetime learners through collaboration and accountability.*

#### CCHS Core Values

*Trust  
Honesty  
Safety: Physical & Psychological  
Mutual Respect  
Personal Best  
"CCHS Family"*

#### Important Telephone No's

<u>Receptionist</u> Mrs. Hart	244-6136 Ext. 3200
<u>Office Manager</u> Mrs. Monesmith	Ext. 3207
<u>Nurse</u> Mrs. Kohut	Ext. 3215
Attendance Mr. Davis	Ext. 3211
<u>Food Service</u> Mrs. Sheckler	Ext. 3234
<u>Guidance</u> Mr. Phil Fry (A-E) Ms. Sarah Maynard = (F-Lh) Mrs. Kim Waugh (Li-R) Mr. Derek Yoder (S-Z)	Ext. 3218 Ext. 3219 Ext. 3213 Ext. 3208
<u>School to Work</u> Mrs. Moore	Ext. 3110

PRIDE—EXCELLENCE—TRADIITON—VICTORY!

### S/P/T Conferences held October 1

CCHS hosted the 1st trimester Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 1, 2008. Conference times were based on students' 1st period classes, and teachers were available on a "drop-in" basis in the gymnasium. A total of 281 families signed in. There

will be more data to come. Early dismissal days for WCCS students will be October 23 and 24, with CCHS dismissing at 12:00 Noon. This is due to K-8 schools holding their conferences on October 23 through evening hours.

Thank you to Mrs. Scheckler for providing refreshments and to Mrs. Barker's Child Development classes for providing child care.

Next conferences will be held January 15, 2009 and April 23, 2009 from 3:30-5:30 P.M. in teachers' classrooms.

#### Fall Events

Oct. 8—2-Hour Delay

Oct. 23-24—Early Dismissal 12:00 P.M.

Oct. 25—Debate Tourney

Nov. 4—1st Trimester ends

Nov. 5—Records Day (No Students)

Nov. 27-28—Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 10—School Improvement Day

Dec. 19—Christmas Break

## Attendance

Attendance at CCHS is very important. It is our goal to increase our attendance percentage with the State of Indiana this school year. If your child is absent from CCHS, please call the **Attendance Office at 244-6136, Extension 3211** on the day of absence. Your child will be considered truant if Mr. Davis does not hear from the parent within 24 hours. You may also fax a note to Mr. David Davis at 260-244-7326 or email [davidsw@wccs.k12.in.us](mailto:davidsw@wccs.k12.in.us). It is school board policy that all absences must be excused with a written parental note.

## CCHS Book Fees

The CCHS book fees for the 2008/2009 school year need to be paid by the end of each trimester (November 4th for 1st trimester). Please contact Mary King, Treasurer, for payment information for your child at 260-244-6136, extension 3214 or email [kingml@wccs.k12.in.us](mailto:kingml@wccs.k12.in.us). Fees vary according to grade level and courses taken.



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## Lost & Found

Lost and Found items are located in the CCHS Media Center. Students may ask library personnel questions regarding their item lost. Items not claimed are donated to charity twice each year.

## Drivers Education

Register now for the winter session of driver education at CCHS. The bookwork runs December 1st–19th after school from 3:45 P.M.–5:45 P.M. The application can be found at <http://wccs.k12.in.us/cchs/>. Please contact Rachelle Patrick at 244-6136 extension 3403 if you have any questions.

## Nurse Notes

Free immunization clinic Thursday Oct 16, 2008.

Please check your child's immunization record and see what they need to be updated on.

This clinic takes place during school hours—you do not need to be present.

We will call the student down from class, give them the injection, give them a snack and then send them back

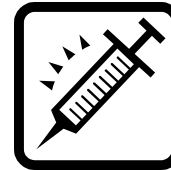
to class.

Please call the clinic before October 10 if you would like to register your student.

Also, please update the health clinic on any change in your child's health history.

All medication must be turned into the clinic in the original bottle along with a note from the parent/guardian.

Sandy Kohut RN BSN



## Student Lockers

Each CCHS student has been assigned a locker. Each student is responsible to purchase a padlock from a local retailer and maintain their own lock and combination. Students that do not remember their locker combination may contact the main office to make arrangements to have the padlock removed. Be sure to place the lock on your own locker or it will have to be cut off.

## Picture Retakes



Picture retake day at CCHS is Wednesday, October 15th.

Please be sure to return your unused picture packet to the photographer at time of retake.

## Yearbook Orders

Yearbook orders are now being taken! For a discount purchase, just sign up to sell Gold Canyon Candles. Earn \$1 for every item sold or sell 25 candles and win a FREE *Columbian!* Yearbook order forms are available in the main office and due by June 1, 2009. Contact Mrs. Keener at Extension 3348.



# CCHS Guidance Department

The Guidance Department will be hosting an IACAC sanctioned College Fair on Monday, October 13th from 6:30-8:00 P.M. at CCHS for students interested in learning about the many options available for them after high school. Over 35 universities, colleges, beauty/fashion, and military representatives will be present to answer questions and share information about their institutions. A financial aid representative will also be available to discuss payment options for post-secondary schooling.

## Important Upcoming Events

Monday October 13 College Fair at CCHS from 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Wednesday October 15 PSAT during school day for sophomores and juniors in the CCHS Media Center. The testing schedule will be determined.

Saturday, November 1 SAT at CCHS. Late registration is Friday October 10th.

Wednesday, December 3rd 2009-2010 Scheduling Kick-off Night, held at CCHS Auditorium starting at 6:00 P.M. More information to come.

Saturday, December 6th SAT at neighboring high schools. Registra-

tion deadline November 5th.

Saturday, December 13th ACT at neighboring high schools. Registration deadline October 25th.

## Sign up for these tests:

SAT: [www.Collegeboard.com](http://www.Collegeboard.com)

ACT: [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)

Early Graduates either Trimester 1 or Trimester 2—Please return Early Decision Form to your counselors completed by Monday, October 13th.

ALL Students and Parents please visit our website and the Career Development website! <http://wccs.k12.in.us/cchs/guidance/index.html>

## Guidance News for Seniors

Senior Credit checks should be completed by all counselors by Friday, October 10. Students are advised to return the "Green" Frank O'Bannon Grant form. These forms were given to students earning a CORE 40 or an Academic Honors Diploma. To be eligible for AHD grant money, you must receive a 3.0 GPA and then a 2.0 GPA for the CORE 40. Senior student autobiographies are due be-

fore a counselor will write you a letter of recommendation. Please turn these papers in pronto. ALL seniors sign up to send a Transcript using E-Transcripts. Information on "how" is

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located on the guidance website. Submit College applications prior to Thanksgiving Break allowing one week for counselors to process the information. Turn those applications in to Mrs. Monesmith if you need the "counselor form" completed. Students are responsible for supplying a stamped institution addressed envelope for us to send information in the mail.

## F.Y.I. Juniors

Counselors will be completing Junior check-ins with all Juniors during the following dates October 13-November-26. We will distribute the "Junior" Timeline, which is a checklist of tasks students should complete during his or her junior year in high school. Counselors will be analyzing transcripts and current grades. We will be encouraging students to sign-up for either the SAT/ACT and visiting college. The "time" is now to start making decisions about their plan after high school.

## Ten Top Reasons to Learn French

*Knowing French will allow you not only to function but to compete effectively in the global economy of the future.*

*Speaking French will increase your job opportunities and salary potential.*

*Studying French increases your appreciation of other people and their cultures.*

*French opens up an entire world of sporting events to enthusiasts.*

*Knowing French will improve your vocabulary in English.*

*Learning a new language, like French, develops your critical and creative thinking skills.*

*Proficiency in French will significantly improve your chances of being accepted to the university and to graduate school.*

*Using French enhances your travel abroad to Canada, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa.*

Tidbits: More than one third of all English words are derived from French. Study French—enrich your English! (Taken from Northeast Conference Newsletter Spring 1994)

## National Honor Society

Fall inductee selection will take place October 21, 2008. Students will be notified by Friday October 24, 2008.



NHS and FEA students will be trick or treating for canned goods on Halloween, Friday, October 31st. All items will be donated to local food banks. Help support this wonderful cause.

Tutoring is available through NHS students for free. Please contact Mrs. Swonger at [swongerkj@wccs.k12.in.us](mailto:swongerkj@wccs.k12.in.us) for further information.

### Helpful Hints for Homework (excerpt from *High School Years*)

“Suggest that your teen keep a different colored notebook and folder for each subject. He/she can use notebooks for taking class notes and folders for storing returned homework and assignments. Also, have study supplies at home

(dictionary, paper, pens, pencils, highlighters and calculator). When it’s time for homework, your high schooler will have everything he needs..”

### Nightly Routine

“Does your teen have trouble remembering what to take to school each day?

Try having him put everything in one spot the night before. Or, he can make a list (homework, gym clothes, trumpet, etc.) to check before he goes to school. Preparing at night will make mornings go more smoothly.”

## Eagles In Flight October 25

CCHS students have a great opportunity to get involved with community service projects at the Annual Eagles In Flight on Satur-

day, October 25, 2008.

Students will be providing the “muscle” to help out community residents with various projects.

How can you be involved?



- ◆ Students can fill out a permission slip (forms are in main office). Shirts are \$5 each.
- ◆ Adult leaders who want to head up a work team can pick up a form.

All forms must be returned to Ms. Gregg by October 13, 2008.

“You will find as you look back on your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others.” Henry Drummond

## CCHS Marching Eagles

The band is off to great start. On September 20, the band placed 1st at Hamilton Southeastern and took Best Music, Best Visual, Best General Effect and Best Color Guard. Saturday, October 4th, the band performed at ISSMA District at Homestead High

School receiving **GOLD rating!** They advanced to Regional and perform on October 18 at Chesterton, Indiana at 6:48 P.M. The season will culminate on November 1 at ISSMA State Finals



CCHS Band advances to Regional October 18 at Chesterton, Indiana

in the Lucas Oil Stadium Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Fish Fry at Homecoming. Thank you to the Columbia City Optimist Club for another great collaborative community project.



## Short Clips from 'High School Years'

### Boost math confidence

"To improve your teen's confidence in his math skills, share these tips. Encourage him to ask questions in class. Suggest that he go for extra help (before or after school, during lunch period, in study hall) when he needs it. Tell him to be sure he learns the concepts behind the numbers, rather than simply memorizing formulas."

### Finding family time

"Whether your teens are freshmen or seniors, you probably see less of them than ever. Look for everyday ways to spend time together, such as running errands or sharing chores. Also, join in activities they enjoy, like visiting their favorite music store."

### Suicide prevention

"Suicide is the third leading cause of death among people aged 15 to 24. When a

young adult says things like 'I'd be better off dead' or 'I won't be around much longer,' it's important to take the statements seriously."

### Take your seat

"Want a surefire way to help your teen get off to a super start this school year? Make sure she attends school every day with these tips:

-Show how learning relates to real life. If your teen thinks a skill is useful, they are more likely to learn it. Example: Planning a vacation draws on research skills.

-Tell your child not to skip a class because she is struggling. Offer to arrange for tutoring, or suggest that she find a study buddy.

-Find out your school's attendance policy. Let the school office know you'd like to be alerted if your teen misses a class."

### Extracurricular activities

"How can your child cure the boredom blues and make school more enjoyable? By getting involved in after-school activities. From sports to chess, extracurriculars . . .

-help teens make friends;

-provide the opportunity to learn teamwork and responsibility;

-fill time in a positive way—so kids are less likely to get into trouble;

-may lead to better attendance and grades.

Note: Suggest that your teen check with school staff as well as your local parks and recreation department or youth center for information about available programs."



## CCHS Sports Corner

The boys tennis team finished 2nd Place NHC their season falling to Canterbury in the Sectional Semi-Finals at Homestead. They finished the year with a 13-4 record, Coach Stoffel recorded his 100<sup>th</sup> win on Tuesday, September 30 at Northrop, & was named NHC Coach of the Year!

The girls and boys Cross Country competed in the NHC at Belmont on Saturday, October 4. The girls received 3rd place; girls receiving 1st Team All Conference: Renee Menzie placed 1st Team All Conference; Laken Lefever and Courtney Raypole placed 2nd Team All Conference. The boys placed 7th. Their Sectionals begin on October 14 at Marion.

The boys soccer team will begin Sectional play at Homestead on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 P.M. They will play Huntington North. Finals will be on Saturday, October 11 at 7:30 P.M.

The volleyball team continues regular season play and currently is 4-1 in Conference play. Their Sectional begins on Thursday, October 23 and concludes on Saturday, October 25. This year the sectional is at West Noble High School.

The football team picked up their 1<sup>st</sup> win of the year at Homecoming, defeating New Haven 28-14. Sectional play begins on October 24 at sites to be determined.

The girls soccer team participated in their 1<sup>st</sup> Breast Cancer Awareness match last week, raising over \$7000 for the Women's Circle of Giving. An outstanding job by all that makes us very proud. They will finish their season next week and get ready for their Sectional, which will be played at Homestead on Tuesday, October 14 vs. Canterbury at 5:00 P.M. Semi-finals will be on October 16 at 7 pm, &



the championship match will be on Saturday, October 18 at 1:00 P.M.

The cheerleaders competed in the Northeast Hoosier Conference championship at Carroll on Saturday, September 26 where they placed 3<sup>rd</sup> as a team. They continue their competitions at Huntington on October 4, as they prepare for their State Tournament at Bishop Dwenger on October 18.

The girls golf team finished their season at the East Noble Sectional on September 20. They also competed in the NHC meet at Belmont on September 13, where they placed 7<sup>th</sup>.

# Career Development Center/Work Ethic Certification

“What do you want to do when you graduate?” This question often sends chills down the spine of an indecisive high school senior. Whether he or she is deciding on a 4-year college, selecting a career major, wanting an apprenticeship, or pursuing a job following high school, we have numerous resources available to help narrow their area of interest.

Operating under the slogan, “Our plan is simple, to help you develop yours,” the Career Development Center, along with the assistance from guidance, works to ensure that each student develops a meaningful plan for life after high school. Two years ago the CDC introduced its six career major clusters—a broad set of related occupations used when organizing career information, instruction, and student opportunities—referred to as “ABEAMS”; and this past year, the ABEAMS leaders developed 18 Programs of Study—a recommended sequence of general/liberal and career/technical courses related to a career area of interest and used in selecting high school courses.

Students can learn about and experience careers by choosing from six career major clusters, collectively called ABEAMS, an acronym standing for:

- Art, Media, and Communication
- Business, Finance, Marketing & Customer Services
- Engineering, Science, Technology & Math
- Agriculture, Manufacturing, & Transportation
- Medical and Health Related Services

Social, Personal, & Public Services

According to Judy Moore, Director of Career Development, each newsletter will feature different programs or activities incorporating career information. This issue will introduce Work Ethic Certification, Professional Career Internship Program, and I.C.E.

(Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education) Program:

## Indiana’s Work Ethic Certification Program:

This is a voluntary program for juniors and seniors. Following a presentation, students sign up to participate. This means they will do 12 hours of community service, an internship, or participate in the I.C.E. program. In addition, points will be awarded for good attendance, GPA, tardies, discipline, respectfulness, cooperativeness, and over-all work ethic and will be monitored by Judy Moore, Program Coordinator, for 120 days beginning September 16, 2008 to April 9, 2009. An actual certificate from the State of Indiana validating the student’s good work ethic will be awarded to each successful student in May 2009 at the Honors Convocation. Over 125 students have currently signed up to participate. A complete listing of students will be available soon on the CDC website. For more information about Indiana’s Work Ethic Certification Program visit: <http://www.in.gov.dwd/3441.htm>



*(CCHS seniors signing the Work Ethic Intent to Participate: Front L-R: Melissa Jackson, Alexandra Sideris, Michele Klinefelter; Back L-R: Mitch Zorger, Austin Straub, Drew Sauers)*

## Professional Career Internships

The Professional Career Internship program is open to both juniors and senior who qualify through an application and interview process. Students are allowed to participate in two different intern-

ships during their high school experience. Through careful discussion and planning students are placed at an internship site in a career area that interests them and matches their meaningful future plan. Students are at their site for 8 weeks in addition to scheduled seminars in the classroom with the coordinator. The seminars are designed to so that students are able to research, develop, assess, and improve skills and knowledge necessary to be successful in whatever career they choose. Elizabeth Hanna is the program coordinator and can be contacted for additional information at 244-6136 ext. 3217.

## Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education (I.C.E)

The I.C.E. is a program at CCHS that is open to 12<sup>th</sup> graders who qualify through an application process. I.C.E. is dedicated to preparing students for gainful employment through practical work-based experiences. The program has two components: on-the-job work experience and related class both of which works on improving skills and knowledge necessary to be successful in any career. Students attend school half of the day in the regular classroom setting, and the remainder of the school day is devoted to work-based learning experience at a local training occupation. To qualify, students need to be in good standing at school including: grades, attendance, and character. They must have good recommendations from teachers and parental consent. The I.C.E. placement occupation must provide 15 plus hours a week and pay at least minimum wage. Students must provide their own transportation and be on track for graduation. At the present time, 43 students are enrolled in the program. Next trimester the numbers will approach 70. Applications for 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester can be obtained at any time. Jeff Clark is the program coordinator and can be contacted at 244-6136 x3224 for additional information.

[www.wccs.k12.in.us/cchs/cdc/index.html](http://www.wccs.k12.in.us/cchs/cdc/index.html)

# Family Community Newsboard

## Academic

### Peabody Library

Children's Department staff will offer a fun, simple craft from 10-noon at the Farmer's Market on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Grandparents' Tea in Community Room A between 4 and 5 PM on Monday Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, with our special hostesses, the Red Hat Strutters.

Joni Walker's art classes - October 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Community Room A at 4PM. Register in the Children's Department.

Craft Saturday- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, offers a simple and fun fall craft. We'll have supplies and instructions out from 10 AM to 4 PM. All ages welcome!

Story Exploration - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, meets Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 PM.

Book Buddies - October 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 in Community Room B.

Join us for Halloween activities on the 31<sup>st</sup>. We'll have games, puzzles, searches and a craft ready all day. **Call 244- 5541.**

### Grams Tutoring Service

Tutoring, Evaluations, College Prep, Assessments, Homework Assistance, Remediation and Customized Programs

Call 248-8000

### OUTBREAK

Middle & High School  
Students

If you are interested in monthly service projects in the community, this is for you! Questions & details?

## Sports

### Running Around Screen Printing

No Order too large or small – All screen Printing needs.

### Embroidery Work, Mending, Sewing Letter Jackets..

Jane – 574-594-5179

Becky – 260-691-2068

### Pom & Baton Teams

For Girls 5 years old and older, Please call 625-2995 for more information.

### Lois Ellen's Dance School & Twilight Cloggers

Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Clogging.

### Columbia City Swim Team

Contact Coach Pat Williams-610-4000 or Renee Rongos-246-9950.

### Want to Dance?

Tap, Jazz, Ballet & hip-hop. Con-

### Soccer

Starts Sept 7 ( 2-4 PM)

Ages 4 yrs to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Contact 244-7671

### 1 Mile Championships

Friday Sep. 26, 2008  
Morsches Park, Registration at Pavilion 3:00 PM, Races Start at 5:00 PM.

## Other

### Honor an Educator

Would you like to honor a special teacher with a \$5.00 contribution to the Whitley County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship fund? Please contact Jenna Ott at 244-5224  
Whitley County Community Foun-

Sonlight Club - Sundays

### YFC at The Center

High School – Mondays 7:17 PM

Middle School – Thursdays 7:00 AM For

### YOUTH BLAST/CLUEBUSTERS

(3 YEARS TO GRADE 12) EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

### SCOUTS

**Boys Grade 1-5**

**6:30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of Each Month**

**Location : Coesse School**

Contact 244-3042

**Cub Scout Pack 3089**

Contact 260-665-2396

**Troop 267 Brownies**

### Pioneer Club

(grades K-6)

Wed. 6:45 -8:00 PM

For more info: 244-5494

If you have information that you would like posted on the Family Community Newsboard, please call 248-2916 with the information and a contact phone number. This newsboard is a community service and WCCS is not responsible for events/information

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## Pride, Excellence, Tradition, Victory !

### Sadie Hawkins Dance

The Sadie Hawkins Dance is coming back to CCHS on Friday, November 21 from 8-10:30 P.M. in the multi-purpose room.

The cost is \$5 per person or \$8 per couple. Girls ask the guys at this dance! It is not a formal dance; however, students' attire must not violate the school dress code.

T-shirts will be for sale, and a photographer will be available to snap some photos.

For questions, please contact Mr. Joe Urchel at extension 3351.

**Move your clocks back 1 hour before going to sleep on Sunday, November 2nd ! Time changes on November 3, 2008.**



**PRIDE  
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**OUR COMMUNITY: BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS FOR LEARNING**

### **STAFF VALUE STATEMENT**

**PROVIDE SAFE AND FUNCTIONAL ENVIRONMENTS TO ENABLE EVERYONE TO FOCUS ON LEARNING.**

**MODEL AND DEVELOP TRUST BY CLEARLY STATING EXPECTATIONS AND GOALS TO ESTABLISH INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.**

**TALK TOGETHER, SHARE IDEAS, AND USE ACTIVE LISTENING TO PROMOTE AN ATMOSPHERE THAT RESPECTS INDIVIDUAL OPINIONS, DIFFERENCES, AND ABILITIES.**

**MODEL AND EXPECT HONEST COMMUNICATION TO ESTABLISH ENVIRONMENTS THAT PROMOTE POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS.**

**SHARE INFORMATION, ENRICH COLLABORATION, ALIGN CURRICULUM AND UTILIZE BEST PRACTICES TO PROMOTE PERSONAL BEST ACHIEVEMENTS.**