



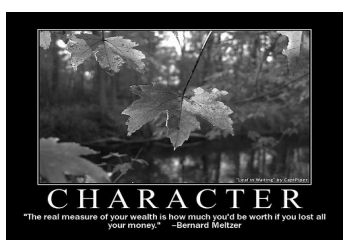
The Kahok Current

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Happy New Year Kahoks!

**Collinsville High School
Home of the Kahoks**



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With the start of a new year, it is already time to start thinking ahead to the busy winter and spring your child has in store for him or herself here at CHS. Hopefully you have already had a chance to review first semester grades with your child. Take a moment to congratulate successful efforts and encourage hard-earned grades and progress. If grades were not quite what you or your child had hoped for, please encourage him or her to remember that the new semester is a time for a fresh start. Work on setting both long-term and short-term goals for second semester and

make sure these goals are clear, reasonable, and achievable.

Students will soon be working with their counselors to select courses for next year. Be sure to talk with your child about future educational plans and possible career goals. Keep these plans and goals in mind as you review the course selection sheets and curriculum guides together. Collinsville High School has over 160 courses in its curriculum. We encourage your student to take advantage of the many elective classes CHS

offers in addition to the required courses. They are a great way to round out and enrich the educational experience at CHS. If you have any scheduling questions, please feel free to contact your child's counselor.

Scheduling is tentatively scheduled to begin on January 12, 2010 with an assembly, entitled "Electives 101", planned for grades 9 through 11. This assembly will address the registration process and explain the electives offered in each of the departments at Collinsville High School.

The 2010 After Prom Party Needs Your Help!

The Parents in Action Committee of Collinsville High School is planning the 25th Annual After-Prom Party. The party will be held after the prom (11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.) on Saturday, April 24th, 2010, at Camelot Bowl in Collinsville. There will be no admittance after 1:00 a.m. **There will be bowling, food, soda, and attendance prizes provided free of charge.** The cost to put on this event is approximately \$3,000.00. Donations from parents, civic organizations, and area businesses make this party possible. **Any Collinsville High School Junior or Senior and their guest may attend.** (All attendees will have to show a school ID or driver's license at the entry and exit doors.) You do not have to attend the prom in

order to attend the After-Prom Party. This annual event is held to offer our teens a safe and fun atmosphere on prom night. It is only made possible through volunteer efforts and the donations of parents, civic groups, and businesses in our community. Please consider supporting this worthy event. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to PARENTS IN ACTION, and send to Barbara Riley at 512 Summer St., Collinsville, IL 62234. If you would like to volunteer to help that night or if you have any questions, please call Linda at 344-4382 after 5:00 p.m.

This is my last year to organize this event since my sons are graduating. I have enjoyed being a part of the After-Prom party for the last seven years. It is wonderful to see 400 kids having a great time, being so well-behaved and respectful. At this time, I am looking for someone to take over the organization of this event so it can continue in the future. I will work with this person or group and help in any way I can. The After Prom Party has been going on for 25 years and I would like to see it continue. If you are interested, please call me at 344-4382 and I will give you all of the details.
*Linda Strittmatter
Parents In Action*

Illinois State Scholars Announced

37 Collinsville High School Seniors were named Illinois State Scholars this year.

This prestigious award is given annually by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (IASC). Illinois State Scholar winners rank in the top ten percent of the state's high school seniors from 711 high schools in all 102 counties of Illinois. Selection is based on ACT and Prairie State Achievement Exam scores and/or GPA at the end of the junior year. We are proud to announce this year's honorees:

Kimberly Alexander
Jeanne Arrowsmith
Meredith Barthold
Zachary Baumann
Katherine Beauchamp
Zachary Bennett

Emily Benvenuto
Kia-Dre Bird
Alexander Broyles
Jacob Bryant
Philip Carter
Alyssa Dalton
Kathryn Davenport
Chad Finnan
Jordan Fosburgh
Samantha Godar
Taylor Gruenenfelder
Emily Horton
Elizabeth Huffman
Sarah Klarich
Rachael Lacroix
Courtney Lindbeck
Adrienne Maurer
Molly Meyer
Monica Paden
Courtney Paterson
Laura Perry
Sarah Perry
Graciela Romo
Alex Schimpf
Sara Schleifer
Kyle Slattery

Chelsea Smith
Courtney Stehman
Michael Unnerstall
Kyle Williams
Abbey Wilson

“These students personify excellence.” said IASC Executive Director Andrew Davis. “Illinois State Scholars are among the best and the brightest in our state's high schools. We salute them, along with their partners in reaching the stars; their families and the teachers and staff at CHS for this stellar achievement.”

Congratulations to these outstanding seniors for all of their hard work that lead to this prestigious honor.

State Testing Coming Soon!

Illinois high schools are preparing to administer the statewide Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) on April 21 and 22, 2010 to all Juniors. Students are required by law to take the PSAE in order to graduate. The PSAE measures students' knowledge of reading, writing, mathematics and science through a series of tests. The test will include the ACT, WorkKeys tests in reading and math and the ad-

ditional tests developed by the Illinois State Board of Education. The WorkKeys assessments will measure students' mathematics and reading skills when applied to workplace situations. Students will have the option of sending their ACT scores including the ACT Writing Test to colleges as part of the application process.

Further information regarding the

PSAE will be mailed to each Junior student's home later this semester. Additional information about these state mandated tests is available at the Illinois State Board of Education web site at <http://www.isbe.net/assessment>.



Collinsville High School Night at Busch Stadium

Mark your calendars for May 11 or 18, 2010! That's when Collinsville High School Night at Busch Stadium will take place. We are currently waiting on our assigned date (sorry but it was not yet available when we went to print). Our own CHS band will be playing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" or performing the National Anthem. The mighty Kahoks will have an

entire outfield terrace reserved section for the game. The cost of each ticket is only \$16. A large portion of the ticket price will be donated back to Collinsville High School to support both student and staff appreciation activities during the upcoming school year. Tickets must be purchased **in advance!** Tickets can be purchased via the order form below or pur-

chased in the Main Office at the high school. For more information about getting tickets for the game, please contact Kyle Gordon at kgordon@kahoks.org or Eric Flohr at eflohr@kahoks.org. We hope to see Kahok nation at the ball park in May to support our band and show the crowd that we are the "High School of Champions!"

Collinsville High School Night At The Ball Park Order Form

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 E-Mail Address: _____



Number of Tickets Ordered: _____ x \$16 per ticket = _____ Total Amount Enclosed

Please make all checks payable to **Collinsville High School**

Please return order form and payment to:

Collinsville High School
 Attention: Cardinal Game Tickets
 2201 South Morrison Avenue
 Collinsville, Illinois 62234



Upcoming Kahok Events

*The CHS Drama Department will be presenting the spring musical entitled "Godspell" in the CHS Auditorium on April 8-10, 2010 at 7:00pm each night. Admission is \$5 for students and \$8 for adults. The script is by John Michael Tebelak and the music/lyrics is by Stephen Schwartz. The show is rated G and is appropriate for all ages!

*Wanting to order your 2009-2010 CHS yearbook? You should have received a flyer from Jostens by now to order a 2009-2010 yearbook. You will receive another reminder in January or February, but you must place your order by April or you're stuck on the waiting list with the possibility of not getting one. The yearbook is in full color and the price is \$60.00. If you look at the order form, you can order some "extras" for a small fee. You can order online at jostensyearbooks.com or by phone at 1-866-282-1516. All of this information is on the order form. If you somehow did not get an order form, you can pick one up in the vocational or main office. Don't miss out on this opportunity to forever remember your years at CHS!

Guidance Department Spotlight

Tips for Getting Organized

Why is being organized important?

It can help:

- Reduce stress and not feel rushed
- Make you feel good about yourself and more confident
- With success in the future
- Make you a better student

Students...

Start with good study skills by following these guidelines:

- Use a daily planner-write in the schedule for tests, homework, study time, appointments as soon as you get them.
- Use color coded notebooks for each class that have sections for notes, homework, and handouts.
- Keep your book bag and locker neat.
- Set up a study area that meets the following conditions: quiet, comfortable,

neat, well lit, and supplied with the materials you'll need.

- Schedule a regular homework time without family, friends, TV, texting, or the phone interrupting you.
- Pay attention to how much time you have in the day and create a schedule that allows you to meet all your responsibilities.

Besides study skills setting priorities is also an important aspect of being organized. Follow these steps:

- Make a list of all long and short term responsibilities.
- Decide what's most important and number each item in the order they should be completed.
- Map out a plan to meet each responsibility. For example, if you have a large project due, break it down into smaller steps that will be

more manageable.

- Include in your list fun things too that way you can work that into your plan as well.

Tips for parents in helping your child get organized...

- Set clear boundaries and expectations with firm, concrete consequences.
- Establish regular progress checks to help hold your teen accountable. An example of this would be to use Edline to view progress reports on a weekly basis.
- Make a plan and pick between one to three problem areas that both you and your teen agree to focus on. Focusing on more than three may become overwhelming at the beginning.

-The CHS Guidance Department



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