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I am amazed at how popular the Wii play systems have become. Our Wii (Wanting Interactive Instruction) is quite different than what your sons and daughters may be playing. Our Wii is all about changing the mindset of our summer school offerings. Collinsville High School has a buffet of choices for students to take during the school year, but many times our students have difficulty finding room in their schedules for their academic choices. Also, in the past, our summer school choices have been more for credit recovery purposes.

I am happy to announce that we are going to attempt to offer a multitude of courses that may interest your son/daughter. The dates of Summer School are from **May 28 to July 2**. The times are **Session A (8:00-11:00) and Session B (11:30-2:30)**. The cost for in district tuition is **\$100.00 per 1/2 credit**. Registration has begun and there is still time to register for this opportu-

This year's AP exams will be held at CHS during the weeks of May 5 and May 12. All students who are currently enrolled in AP classes (NOT pre-AP classes) are strongly encouraged to take the exam(s) in their respective class(es). Taking the AP exam allows students to experience a college-level exam and gives them the opportunity to earn college credit and/or advanced placement in college coursework at over

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nity. There are thirty class choices including:

Year Long Courses:

- English I, II, III and IV
- CP US History
- World Geography
- Art
- Drawing
- Paced Algebra I and II
- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Informal Geometry
- Consumer Math
- PE I and II
- Athletic PE
- Environmental Science
- Physical Science

Semester Courses:

- Keyboarding
- Microsoft Applications
- Consumer Education
- Adult Living
- Child Development
- Crafts
- Sculpture
- Intro to Metals
- Intro to Woods
- Civics
- Current Events

- Economics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Health

As you can see, we have plenty of choices for your children to take courses that interest them or required courses that will let them have room in their schedule during the school year for numerous elective courses. Driver Education will also be offered for a \$50.00 fee. Our minimum enrollment average is 16 for us to offer the course. To register please call Lisa Langenstein at 346-6320 Ext. 1129! Student attendance is very important in a compacted summer curriculum. A student who misses as much as three days during a semester is automatically dropped from summer school unless there are unusual circumstances. Students will not be excused from summer school for vacation. There will be no early final exams.

-Mr. Eric Flohr
 Principal CHS

Guidance Department Spotlight: AP Exams

90% of colleges and universities across the country. This can result in savings of hundreds or even thousands of dollars. The cost of this year's AP exams is \$84 per exam. Students should see Ms. Zessar in the guidance office to sign up and pay for exams. **The deadline for exam registration and payment is Friday, March 28.** If paying for an exam presents a problem for a student and his/her family, the student

should see Ms. Zessar about a fee reduction. Ms. Zessar visited all AP classes during the week of March 10 to distribute information about this year's exams and to explain the registration and payment process. Please ask your child to share this information with you if he/she has not already done so. If you have any questions, you can contact her at 346-6320, ext. 1132.



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*-Chinese
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-John Quincy Adams

The After Prom Party Needs Your Help

The PARENTS IN ACTION Committee of Collinsville High School is planning the 23rd Annual After-Prom Party on Saturday, April 19, 2008. The party will be held at Camelot Bowl and will run from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. **There will be bowling, attendance prizes, and food provided free of charge.** Any Collinsville High School Junior or Senior and their guest may attend. They do not have to attend

the prom in order to attend the After-Prom Party.

This party is made possible through monetary donations from parents, local businesses and civic organizations. Along with monetary donations, we also need parent volunteers to help at the party. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Linda Strittmatter at 344-4382. If you would like to send a mone-

tary donation, please make checks payable to PARENTS IN ACTION, and send to Barbara Riley-Treasurer, 512 Summer St., Collinsville, IL 62234.

This annual event is held to offer our teens a safe and fun atmosphere on prom night. Please consider supporting this worthy event. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Strittmatter at 344-4382.

Prom 2008 Is Nearly Here

The dance of a lifetime is nearly here! Prom 2008 is approaching fast. “Here’s To The Night” will be a prom to remember! Prom will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at the America’s Center in Downtown St. Louis. Tickets are currently on sale for \$55 per person before or after

school in front of the Main Office at CHS. Discount parking coupons for the night will be handed out at the Prom Assembly on April 18. Doors will open at 6:00pm and pictures start at this time. Dinner will be served at 7:15pm, the court will be introduced at 8:15pm, and dancing will last

until midnight,

CHS Executive Boards will receive a \$5 rebate from tuxedos rented at Formal America, The Men’s Wearhouse, and After Hours Formal Wear or Savvi in the mall.

So please join us for Prom 2008 as we celebrate “Here’s To The Night!”

State Testing Set For April 23 and 24

The state mandated Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) is scheduled to take place at Collinsville High School on April 23 and 24 for all juniors. This two day testing event is critically

important to the students of Collinsville High School and our entire community.

A great deal of time and practice has gone into preparing our juniors for this testing event. Numerous incentives will be provided

to those students who meet and exceed state standards in the tested areas. All parents of juniors will be receiving an informational newsletter very soon in the mail.

AP Class Completes Backpack Study

The AP Statistics class here at CHS recently completed a study on backpack weight. We found that the average weight of a student's backpack is 14.5 pounds. The research we conducted in conjunction with the study revealed that the maximum recommended carrying weight is 10 to 15 percent of one's own body weight. As the average weight of students at CHS is less than 145 pounds,

these results confirm that many students are carrying more weight in their backpacks than their bodies can handle.

In order to reduce the potential risk of back and neck injury, muscle strain, and changes in posture, please encourage your child to decrease their backpack weight by using their assigned locker to exchange books more often throughout the day. Many students carry

all of their books around with them throughout the school day instead of using their lockers.

-Andy Schleifer
AP Statistics Student



Collinsville High School Night at Busch Stadium

Mark your calendars for May 29, 2008! That's Collinsville High School Night at Busch Stadium. The St. Louis Cardinals will be taking on the Houston Astros at 7:15pm. 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 purchased

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 on May 29 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



Important Dates To Remember

April 3-6, 2008: Spring Musical "Footloose" in the Auditorium

April 5, 2008: Choir Car Show 8:00am-5:00pm in the CHS Parking Lot

April 8, 2008: Chorus/Band Pre-Contest Concert 7:00pm in the Auditorium

April 18, 2008: CHS Junior/Senior Prom America's Center-St. Louis, Missouri

April 21-24, 2008: CHS Volleyball Little Kid Camp 6:30pm-8:30pm in Fletcher Gymnasium

April 21-25, 2008: CAVC Horticulture Plant Sale

April 23-24, 2008: PSAE Testing for all Juniors during the school day

April 28, 2008: Roman Banquet 7:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church

April 29, 2008: CAVC Banquet 6:30pm in the Library

May 1, 2008: Band Concert 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Auditorium

May 5-16, 2008: Advanced Placement Testing during the School Day

May 14, 2008: Honors Convocation 7:00pm in Fletcher Gymnasium

May 17, 2008: Graduation 10:00am in Fletcher Gymnasium

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