

August/September 2020 Newsletter

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES (SEMESTER 1):

- 🐾 SEPTEMBER 7: NO SCHOOL; LABOR DAY
- 🐾 OCTOBER 9: REMOTE PLANNING DAY (NO STUDENTS)
- 🐾 OCTOBER 12: NO SCHOOL; COLUMBUS DAY
- 🐾 NOVEMBER 3: NO SCHOOL; ELECTION DAY
- 🐾 NOVEMBER 11: NO SCHOOL; VETERANS DAY
- 🐾 NOVEMBER 23-27: NO SCHOOL; FALL BREAK
- 🐾 DECEMBER 18: END OF 1ST SEMESTER (NO STUDENTS)
- 🐾 DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 1: NO SCHOOL; HOLIDAY BREAK
- 🐾 JANUARY 4: SCHOOL RESUMES; HALF-DAY

UPCOMING COLLEGE/CAREER VISITS AT CCHS:

- ☆ SEPTEMBER 4: EMERSON COLLEGE
- ☆ SEPTEMBER 8: WILLIAM WOODS UNIVERSITY
- ☆ SEPTEMBER 10: AUGUSTANA COLLEGE
- ☆ SEPTEMBER 10: KNOX COLLEGE
- ☆ SEPTEMBER 11: THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON (MAIN CAMPUS)
- ☆ SEPTEMBER 17: FULL SAIL UNIVERSITY
- ☆ SEPTEMBER 21: UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
- ☆ SEPTEMBER 25: KENYON COLLEGE
- ☆ OCTOBER 2: UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN
- ☆ OCTOBER 8: MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY
- ☆ OCTOBER 16: IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



HOW DOES MY STUDENT SIGN UP FOR COLLEGE/CAREER VISITS AT CCHS?

To find the date & time of college/career visits students must log in to their [Naviance Account](#). Once in Naviance, students need to scroll to the "What's New" section and there they will see a list of all visitors. By clicking "Register" students will be automatically signed up & will receive a pass from class to attend (visits last the length of 1 class period). Students are responsible to check in with teachers & complete any missed work. **All visits at CCHS will be virtual this year.**

Keep in mind that the above list includes those schools for which a representative has signed up at this time; there will be plenty more visitors to sign up in the coming weeks. *All students are encouraged to check their account daily and register for all the visits for which they would like more exposure & information.*

***It is also important to note that Juniors are allowed two (2) college visit Travel Days in which they travel to a college campus. A form with all signatures must be completed 5 days prior to the student's absence & the student must bring back proof (to CCHS Attendance) confirming the college visit.

WHAT IS THE PSAT/NMSQT & WHY REGISTER TO TAKE IT?

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered for CCHS students on [October 29th](#) at Carbondale Community High School. When taken as a junior, this assessment is the qualifying exam for National Merit Scholarship consideration.

- Interested students, please sign up in the Principal's Office by [September 8](#).
- The cost is \$17 (bring exact change or a check made payable to CCHS).
- No payments will be accepted after [September 8](#).
- Fee waivers are available for students who qualify under the Free/Reduced Lunch Program. When registering, [please inform the Principal's Office](#).

We will be following guidelines set forth by ISBE, IDPH, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to ensure a safe testing environment. As with all events during this pandemic, schedules will be subject to change. We will notify you as soon as we have additional information.

PSAT/NMSQT GENERAL INFORMATION:

What is the purpose of the PSAT/NMSQT test?

When taken as a junior, the PSAT/NMSQT is the qualifying exam for National Merit Scholarship consideration. National Merit Information can be found [here](#). By taking the PSAT/NMSQT, students will also prepare themselves for the format and content of the SAT (a national college entrance exam to be taken spring of junior year).

Who takes the PSAT/NMSQT?

It is recommended for high performing 10th and 11th grade students.

Is the PSAT/NMSQT test optional or required?

The PSAT/NMSQT test is optional and available only by registering.

What areas does the PSAT/NMSQT test cover?

The content of the test includes: Reading; Writing and Language; & Math.

FREE PSAT/NMSQT (SAT) prep available for CCHS students via CCHS [Naviance Login Page](#) (After logging in, scroll to the bottom and click "Naviance Test Prep")

[**Click here for testing information from Mrs. Murphy**](#)

OTHER NEWS

You will receive your **red Welcome Back Folder** the week of September 7 with loads of great resources & information for the year.

Enrolled in a **Dual Enrollment (JALC taught)** class? The last day to withdraw with 100% refund and no impact to your college transcript is **Tuesday, August 25**.

Virtual School Tips – always email your teacher (and an Assistant Principal) right away if you are having connectivity issues with LIVE class. Be sure to fill out your remote attendance form every day. If you know you will be absent alert your teachers and email Laurie.Rendleman@cchs165.com or call CCHS (ext. 232). Check email; Google Classroom; & Microsoft Teams daily. Clean up & clear out your email inbox so it's easy to find what you need as well as anything new. Make a list of which teacher uses which platform & how to best access the link to LIVE class.

OTHER WAYS TO STAY IN THE LOOP JUNIOR YEAR

1. VIRTUAL OFFICE: [Check it out](#) for useful links and important junior information.
2. WEBSITE: Another great way to stay in the loop is to follow my webpage, visit: CCHS Website/Students & Parents/[Class of 2022](#)
3. NEWSLETTERS: sent to students & parents via email. Please be sure that the email you have on the Parent Portal is up-to-date and accurate in order to receive these updates.