



The Hawk Nest

NEWS from CHASKA HIGH SCHOOL

September 2017

Mark Your Calendar:

Date	Event
September 5 th	First Day of School
September 6 th	Picture Make-up Day
September 13 th	Parent Leadership Council, 4-5:30pm-Main Conference Room

Looking Ahead:

October 4 th	Parent Leadership Council, 4-5:30pm-Main Conference Room
October 5 th	2 Hour Late Start for Students
October 6 th	Picture Retake Day
October 11 th	PSAT for Juniors (during school)
October 12 th	Choir Concert, 7:00pm-Auditorium
October 17 th	Parent Teacher Conferences, 4-8:00pm-Commons
October 19-20	MEA Break – no school Student/Staff
October 26 th	Senior Pictures Due for Yearbook

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Principal News:

We are ready to go. It’s been a great two weeks getting students and staff back into the building. We have had some changes in our building with the Family learning Center moving out of Green. Many teachers have changed classrooms and our Main Entrance to the building is now Door #1 on the East side of the building. This is for student drop off in the morning and for visitors during the school day.

We are very excited to start the school year and look forward to working with all of you this year.

ACT Scores go up

We are happy to report that our ACT composite scores went up from 21.9 to 22.7. The state average is 21.5. In most districts only college bound students take the ACT. In our district all students take the ACT. We use this data to help guide our content and instructional practices.

Cell Phones

We will be setting student expectations in all classes during the first week of school this year regarding their cell phone use in class. In many cases students are allowed to use their phone for educational purposes which is directed by the teacher.

In some cases the phone can be a distraction to learning. Phone use not only distracts the student from learning, but also others around them. We have asked teachers to set their expectations for cell phone storage and use right away on the first day of school to help students develop good learning habits in class.

We need your help and support in encourage students not to use their phones during class unless directed by the teacher.

Curriculum Advisory Council

CHS is looking for a parent to serve on the District Curriculum Advisory council. If you are interested please contact Anne Wise at the District office. Her number is 556-6193.

Welcome our new Administrative Dean

We are happy to announce that Chuck Nelson will be our new Administrative Dean at Chaska High School. He is taking the place of Mr. Koschinska, who accepted a position in his hometown of Waconia. Mr. Nelson has been a high school math teacher and a Digital Learning Coach in our district. He will be working with our Seniors and 10th graders this year.

We are very excited that Mr. Nelson has joined our team.

Thank You Link Crew

A special thanks to 60+ eleventh and twelfth grade students who are part of Link Crew. Link Crew is a student mentorship program that connects eleventh and twelfth grade students with ninth grade students to help with the transition to school. Link Crew leaders participated in several days of training and assisted with several activities including the ninth grade orientation morning and the New Student Orientation evening. Thanks Link Crew leaders for your energy and leadership.

Did you Know?:

Picture Make-up Day is Wednesday, September 6th

If you were unable to have your picture taken during back-to-school days, the make-up day is September 6th. All students in grades 9-11 are required to have pictures taken for Student IDs. There is no charge for a picture ID taken by Lifetouch. Optional packages are available for purchase.

Picture Retake Day is Friday, October 6th

If you need to have your picture re-taken, you may do so on October 6th. Your original picture packet must be given to the photographer at the time of the re-take. This is the last chance to have pictures taken for the school year.

There is a Chromebook Protection Plan Available for Purchase

Your Eastern Carver County Schools Chromebook gives your student options to learn in ways that are more engaging and relevant. Our damage protection plan can lower the cost of repairing your district-issued Chromebook. This plan is optional. It is not a full replacement plan; it is a low-cost program to reduce out-of-pocket costs if your student's Chromebook is damaged, lost or stolen. The plan is \$25 from the date of purchase through the summer of 2018. For families that have more than one chromebook, the maximum per family is \$50.

Review the damage protection plan in more detail at our Connexion website:

<http://www.district112.org/connexion/>

You are not required to purchase this protection, Eastern Carver County Schools provides it as an option for your family.

Notes from the Career Resource Center:

COUNSELORS

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| • Katie LoScalzo | Grade 9 (last name A-Z) | Green House ext. 7141 |
| • Garrett Silker | Grade 10-12 (last name A-G) | Green House ext. 7142 |
| • Cassie Klein | Grade 10-12 (last name H-O) | Blue House ext. 7121 |
| • Kayla Denner | Grade 10-12 (last name P-Z) | Blue House ext. 7122 |

COLLEGE/CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

- Tara Halvorson College/Career Resource Center Manager 556-1433

2017-2018 College/Career Resource Center Important Dates

September 19 - *Senior Parent Night*- CHS Blue Forum – 6:30–7:30pm.

September 26 – *Groves Academy LD/ADHD College Fair*

www.grovesacademy.org/events/community-events/college-fair/

September 27 & 28 - *National College Fair* – Minneapolis Convention Center- Wed. Sept. 27 - 9:00am – 12:00pm and 5:00– 8:00pm – Thurs. Sept 28 - 9:00am-12:00pm. Over 400 colleges from around the country, preregistration encouraged at www.gotomyncf.com – bring your barcode! FREE bus available for the Wed. evening session, see Mrs. H in the CRC.

<https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/minnesota-national-college-fair/> Preregister and bring your scannable barcode!

October – The whole month of October is College Knowledge Month in the state of Minnesota. As part of this initiative, Chaska High School will work with its students throughout the month of October to explore college options, plan their future goals, and apply to college.

October 10 – *PreACT* (10th Grade)

October 11- *National Performing and Visual Arts College Fair* - The University of Minnesota School of Music's Ted Mann Concert Hall – 7-9pm <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/pva/minnesota-performing-and-visual-arts-college-fair/> Preregister and bring your scannable barcode!

October 11 – *PSAT* (9th-11th Grade)

October 11- *National Christian College Fair* – Southwest Christian High School – 6:30-8:30pm
<https://myblueprintstory.com/>

October 17 – *District 112 Financial Aid Night* - Chanhassen High School Theater – 6:30-8:00pm

October 24 – *Military Fair* – Chaska High School Commons – During Lunch

October 26 – *Deadline for class of 2016 Senior Pictures*. Senior Pictures are due for your yearbook! Remember, head shots are best.

November 2 -*NCAA Information night* for students and parents in grades 9-11 – CHS Blue forum – 6:30-7:30pm

November 16 – *Deadline for Senior Ads for Grads*

December 21 - *Life After Chaska* - (during the day) – sign up in the CRC to hear CHS Alumni talk about their college journey and adventures.

January 23 – *Senior Scholarship Program Application Available*.

February 6 – *Military Fair* – Chaska High School Commons – During Lunch

February 8 – *Registration Night*

February 15 – *College Information Night* – Chanhassen High School – 6:30pm-7:15pm

February 15 - *PSEO Night* - Chanhassen – 7:30pm-8:30pm

March 1 - *Senior Scholarship Program Application due by 3:30* – NO LATE PACKETS ACCEPTED.

March 15 – *College Fair* – Eden Prairie High School – 6:00-8:00pm

April 3 - *ACT Test for all Juniors*

April 5 - *Southwest Metro Job and Education Fair* –CHS Commons - 3:00-6:30pm

May 1 - *National Let Them Know Day for colleges!*

June 6 – *Senior Project Exhibition and Senior Scholarship Program Award Night*

June 8 - Graduation Rehearsal and Ceremony (4:00pm at Grace Church in Eden Prairie)!!

June 8 - Senior Party

Minnesota Career Information System



www.mncis.intocareers.org

Username: chaska

Password: hawks

*Students should use their own username and password if they have already created an account on MCIS. If you would like to create your own account sign in with the above user name and password and then click on "Create my MCIS". You will then be able to access all the college and career information and features available including free ACT, SAT, PSAT and AP test preparation.

Little Volumes from the CHS Media Center:

By Lisa Gearman, Information Innovation Learning Specialist

We are so excited to get back to the work of serving young adults in our Chaska High School Media Center this fall! Our teens keep us energized and inspired.

Many thanks to all of the parents who have generously donated school supplies for our new project area in the Media Center. We have created a "makerspace" where students can lay out projects and use a variety of supplies to make their ideas come alive. We are happy to accept the following supplies all year long: duct tape, glue sticks, LEGOs, Play Dough, colored markers, dry erase markers, card stock, and nearly anything you are cleaning out of the basement or closet.

The first meeting of the **Hawk's Nest Book Club** will be Thursday, Sept. 28th during the students' WIN period. We will meet the last Thursday of each month, and there is no cost to students for joining us. The students select the books we read each year!

**Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 12th, 2018 - Chaska High School has been selected as the official site for Teen Lit Con 2018, a free young adult author event sponsored in collaboration with our metro public libraries. Very exciting! More information will be forthcoming.

Please visit our [Media Center webpage](#) for more information and announcements. Thank you for your support of our students and Media Center programs!

Notes from Food Service:

DID YOU KNOW?: That you can register and set up an online account on the website "mypaymentsplus.com" and you can see your child's balance, watch their history of purchases and get notifications to your email when their account gets low? All aspects of the online service are free of charge except payments, which if made on line are charged a bank fee of 3.99%. Nutrition Services provides healthy meals daily with menus for each school located on the Eastern Carver County Schools website. Each student has an individual lunch account and separate payment is required for each student. Payments can be received by check or cash at the school site or via online payment. Make checks payable to ISD 112 Nutrition. Applications for Free and Reduced Lunches are accepted anytime of the year.

Notes from Yearbook:

Senior Pictures are due October 26, 2017 for 2018 Graduates

Make your appointment now for senior pictures; see this [form](#) for further details. The deadline for senior portrait submissions is 3pm on Thursday, October 26. No late submissions will be accepted. Please mail your photo c/o Yearbook Advisor to Chaska High School, OR you may submit the photo digitally to:

<https://images.jostens.com/upload.jsp>

Digital photos should be a TIFF (preferred) or JPEG file of at least 300 dpi. Please see our website for complete requirements.

Ads for Grads are due November 16, 2017 for the 2018 graduates

Every year, the yearbook staff sponsors a fundraiser. You may choose to submit an *Ad for Grad* as part of the celebration for your senior. These advertisements are a unique part of the yearbook in that they add a very personal, heart-felt touch to your senior's yearbook by looking back on their early years. An *Ad for Grad* is a wonderful way to say something important to your son or daughter – such as some sound advice or just how much you love them – before he or she graduates from CHS. All proceeds from *Ads for Grads* go back to the Hawk to help supplement the costs of the yearbook. More information will be shared later; all Ads will be paid and submitted online to Jostens.

Notes from Booster Club:

BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP PASSES

Booster Membership passes for the 2017—18 seasons will be available for purchase at Fall sports/games.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please watch for the many volunteer choices to earn money for your student's activities/sports. It is fun, easy and great way to meet others in our Hawks Community!

All Concession Volunteers earn \$10 per hour - 100% goes to Team/Activity of choice! Open to ALL Teams & Activities!

Contact chsboostervolunteer@gmail.com for more info Dates/Times.

PAINT THE TOWN!

Show your Hawk Pride have the Hawk logo painted on your driveway/sidewalk for \$25. It's also a great fundraiser for teams & clubs - portion of proceeds goes directly to sport or activity

Contact Michelle - Chspaintthetown@gmail.com

For future meeting dates or Chaska High School Booster information, visit us at www.chaskaboosters.org or Chaska High School under Athletics or Activities. And don't forget to Follow Us on Twitter @ChaskaBoosters

Hawk Pride

CHS Hockey Player gets Gold at 5 Nations Tournament

Congratulations to Junior, Mike Koster who was one of 6 Minnesota players on the 17U USA Team who captured gold at the 5 Nations Tournament in the Czech Republic.

CHS Alum Competes for Team USA in Wrestling

Congratulations to Pat Smith, class of 2009, who recently represented Team USA at the Paris World Championships.

CHS Alum Makes the Timberwolves Dance Squad

Congratulations to Jessica Strohm, class of 2015, who earned a spot on the Timberwolves Dance team.



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