



The Hawk Nest

NEWS from CHASKA HIGH SCHOOL

March 2018

Mark Your Calendar:

Date	Event
March 1 st	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:30pm-Commons
March 8 th	Winter Band Concert, 7:30pm-Auditorium
March 15 th	Choir Concert, 7:00pm-Auditorium
March 23-30 th	Spring Break – No School for Students/Staff
Looking Ahead:	
April 2 nd	School Resumes
April 3 rd	Pre ACT for 11 th Graders MAP Tests for 9 th Graders
April 4 th	Parent Leadership Council, 4-5:30pm-Main Conference Room
Week of April 9 th	MCA Testing for 10 th and 11 th Graders

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Principal News:

New Lockdown Procedure Practice on March 7th

CHS students will learn about “lockdown with options” on March 7. We want you to be aware that we have improved procedures that staff and students must follow if an intruder enters the school. “Lockdown with options” gives staff and students the following choices in a lockdown, depending on the situation: *hide, run and counter*.

We have been practicing “hide in place” lockdown drills for many years. Now, multiple law enforcement and safety agencies recommend a more proactive approach. With our new procedures, classrooms are to *run* from the school if there is an intruder and it is safest to run. They should *hide* if it is not safe to run, and the last option is to *counter*. Whether students help counter an intruder depends on their age and ability. Counter is only for an unavoidable confrontation. The purpose is to distract, subdue or incapacitate the intruder. Every situation is different. We are using *hide, run, counter* to have options for students and staff to protect themselves and others.

We invite you to watch the video that students will review in class as preparation for lockdown with options.

- [Video: Secondary lockdown with options](#)

Please use our discussion guides, which were developed for parents/guardians to talk at home about lockdown with options.

- [Secondary lockdown with options discussion guide](#)

Lockdowns are scary situations to consider. Violence on a school campus will always be headline news, which can make it seem more common. In reality, violence at school is extremely rare. Schools are among the safest places for students. Our school has secured entrances, visitor check-in systems and more, thanks to a 2013 referendum and the support of our community. Eastern Carver County Schools regularly reviews its safety measures. These lockdown procedures are part of our commitment to continually improve school safety.

Thank you for your support of our school.

Youth Action WINS

Last week during our Students Building Leadership Team meeting, students were talking about the three planned National walkouts for students. The students started discussing options that would produce results instead of just walking out of school. Two of our seniors have taken this project on and have come up with a student walk in plan instead of walking out of school. This walk in will take place in the Gym on March 14th during our WIN time.

They are calling it Youth Actions WINS. They are focusing on school safety and showing students what they can do to make a difference. Students will make a pledge on what they can do to make our school safe. They are also planning a 4 minute moment of silence for all the students who choose to do so.

Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2018

Graduation for the class of 2018 is on Friday, June 8th at 4:00pm at Grace Church in Eden Prairie. Detailed information will be sent to families of seniors later this spring.

Last Conferences are March 1st

The last Parent Teacher conferences of the year are:

Thursday, March 1: 3:30-7:30pm

Conferences are conducted arena style in the Commons. Conferences are first-come, first-serve, and appointments will not be taken. You may park on the west side of the building and enter through the activities door. *Students and Parents/Guardians will be asked to check in at the information table prior to meeting with teachers.* Consider bringing your student with you to conferences as they are an integral part of the process.

Prior to arriving for conferences you should look-up/print your student's progress report from Parent Portal. This report will show your student's current grades and teacher's names. Please note, paper copies of student's grades and/or schedules will not be distributed at conferences. You can locate the progress report in Parent Portal under *Reports*.

If you have not already activated your Parent Portal account, this would be a great time to sign up. Staff will be available to assist you. Parent Portal is an essential component for your student's success as well as a valuable communication tool.

Academic Supports and Interventions Reminder

Our commitment to preparing each student for success after high school means that we carefully consider the knowledge and skills students will need when they graduate and embed that information in their classes throughout high school. The work can be challenging, and we are committed to helping each student succeed. Here is a reminder about a few of the structured supports and resources available at CHS.

TEACHERS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT

- For all students
- Students can talk to their teachers about before or after school support

WIN

- For all students
- WIN takes place on block days from 9:33-10:18am. Options for academic support, academic enrichment, study hall, open computer labs, clubs and other activities take place during WIN.

ACTIVITY BUS

- For all students
- Shuttle bus leaves CHS at 4:25 pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from door #23 (Purple House) entrance. All students will ride bus #23 from CHS to PRMS to East/West. They will need to transfer to their connecting bus at East/West. That bus will take them to the closest stop to their destination. Students need a pass from the staff member they were with after school to get on the activity bus.

MEDIA CENTER

- For all students
- Open before and after school. Great resource for students who need computer usage for educational purposes or for students who need a quiet setting to complete assignments or study!
- Media Center Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Current 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Grade Students Finish Registering

The registration process for next year took place in February. Students registered for their classes online through their student portal. School staff are now following up with students who do not have complete registration or may have made an error in the registration process.

Student registrations now becomes part of the scheduling process. Schools will learn from the district office the number of staff that will be assigned to each building. Administration and staff will begin to review student enrollments in each course to determine how many sections to offer. A basic schedule will then be developed placing all courses in semesters and periods in a way that reduces conflicts between sections. Finally, teachers will learn exactly what they teach and when. The process is not completed until this summer.

Did you Know?:

Prom is right around the Corner – Save the Date

What: Chaska High School PROM

When: May 19, 2018, 9:00-Midnight

Where: Hazeltine National Golf Club

Who: Chaska High School Juniors, Seniors and their dates

Prom season is right around the corner. Our PROM committee is busy planning a spectacular event! More detailed information about Chaska High Schools PROM including the theme will be shared In April. If you have any questions about PROM please contact our PROM Advisor Tara Halvorson, 952-556-1433, halvorsont@district112.org

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

Important Upcoming Dates

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*

Free Bus to visit Hennepin Technical College – March 8, 2018 – leave CHS at 4:15pm – return at 7:30pm (after school field trip – permission form required)

- Please talk with Mrs. Halvorson in the CRC if you are interested in participating on this field trip as space is limited and will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

College Fair – March 15, 2018 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Eden Prairie High School Gym

- The College Fair, sponsored by MACAC, the Minnesota Association for College Admission Counseling, rotates location annually with Chaska, Chanhassen and Eden Prairie High Schools. All District 112, Eden Prairie, and surrounding school district families are welcome to attend the fair featuring over 120 colleges (2-yr, 4-yr, community, technical, career, and military) from mostly the Midwest area. For a complete list of the spring Minnesota Education Fairs and colleges/organizations at each fair, visit www.mn-acac.org. Students are encouraged to sign up for a scannable barcode at www.gotocollegefairs.com - no more filling out contact cards.

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- Please talk with Mrs. Halvorson in the CRC if you are interested in participating on this field trip as space is limited and will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

ACT for ALL 11th Graders – April 3, 2018 - at CHS during the school day

- All Juniors will take the ACT on April 3 (during school) for free. The pre-registration for the April 3 ACT will take place during school and is different/separate from the ACT registration on line.

23rd Annual Southwest Metro Job and Education Fair – April 5, 2018 - 3:00-3:45pm students only, 3:45-6:30pm open to the community - Chaska High School Commons

- We bring many area employers and educational institutions together for you – everyone is welcome, all ages and wages. Sponsored by Carver County Workforce Services, District 112, and DEED.

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SAVE THE DATE! - Summer Road Trip – We are going to College! – June 25-28, 2018

FREE daily bus trip to a variety of colleges – More Information to Come!

- A bus trip for students and parents to area colleges in combination with Minnesota Private College Week. A list of colleges, details and registration information will be ready for the May Newsletter. Some of the Colleges we are considering visiting this summer are: University of St. Thomas, St. Catherine University, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, University of Minnesota Morris, North Dakota State College of Science, Winona State University, St. Mary's University of Minnesota

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts can be requested two different ways:

- www.parchment.com (you will need to set up an account and pay \$5.00 per transcript requested).
- Fill out a "Transcript Request Form" and return it to Cynthia Roper in the Red House Office. (you will need to pay \$5.00 per transcript requested).

COLLEGE VISITS AT CHS

College Admissions Representatives from a variety of colleges and universities visit the CRC each week. They are available to meet with students to share application, academic program, housing, campus life and financial aid information with prospective students. Students can sign up for the visits in the flex scheduler.

For up to date college visits and career events visit the Chaska High School calendar at: <http://chs.district112.org/> College visits will be listed each day under “Daily College Visits” or click this link to an alphabetical list <https://goo.gl/WsrMGe> Follow the CRC on Twitter @ChaskaHighCRC for daily college visit reminders.

ACT/SAT

Act and SAT tests are offered throughout the year. Students can log on to ACT’s web site, www.actstudent.org to register for their ACT test. To register online for the SAT test students should go to www.collegeboard.com. Students must upload a photo when registering for the ACT or SAT. Students are required to bring their admission ticket and photo id on the test day. No ticket, no photo id, no admission! As a general rule, we recommend that juniors start taking the ACT in the 2nd half of their junior year. However, some students are ready before that time and are certainly welcome to test earlier. One guideline is to wait until the student has either completed or has taken at least one semester of algebra 2. Students may take the tests as often as they choose. Official ACT and SAT scores can also be requested to be sent to a student’s college(s) of choice through both of these test registration websites.

2017-18 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

***ACT Information** – free practice tests and a study course are available at www.mncis.intocareers.org, www.studyguidezone.com; www.number2.com; www.actstudent.org. **MNCIS has free practice for PSAT, AP tests, SAT, SAT Subject Tests, ASVAB, etc., as well!!**

2017-18 SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Tests Offered	Regular Registration Closes	Late Registration Closes
March 10, 2018	SAT only	Feb. 9	Feb. 28
May 5, 2018	SAT and Subject Tests	April 6	April 25
June 2, 2018	SAT and Subject Tests	May 3	May 23

Notes from the Athletics Office:

BBQ Bash Tickets Are on Sale!

The 2018 BBQ Bash is Chaska High School’s 12th Annual Fundraiser
 The CHS BBQ Bash is Friday, May 4th, 5:30pm- 11:30pm
 Hazeltine National Golf Club and Hosted by WCCO Anchor Frank Vascellaro!

Ticket Information

- VIP Tickets \$100
- General Admission Tickets \$50

Early Bird tickets go on sale March 6th.

Prices increase on April 12th!



2018 CHS BBQ Bash Team Challenge:

Do you want to compete for a cash prize to go towards a school-sponsored program that your son/daughter participate in?

The BBQ Bash is providing the option for each school-sponsored athletics, activities, arts or academics program to donate a package, or item, for the 2018 BBQ Bash live or silent auctions.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three packages that generate the most money at our CHS spring fundraiser:

- 1st Prize= \$1,500
- 2nd Prize= \$1,000
- 3rd Prize= \$500



For More Information and to Purchase Tickets Visit the BBQ Bash Website at:



chsbbqbash.district112.org



ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SEASON ATHLETICS

The Chaska High School Athletics & Activities Departments are excited to announce that registration for the 2017-18 academic year can be completed online. Because of our commitment to student success, we offer a variety of opportunities for students to participate as Chaska Hawks. To complete your online registration, please visit our Chaska High School Activities/Athletics Registration website at:

www.chaskahawksregistration.com

Please make sure you review the payment options listed on the website prior to starting the registration process. In addition, the registration homepage will provide detailed information on how to login for first time users. Also, if you cannot retrieve your student account information, please contact the athletics/activities office.

It is recommended that all registration be completed at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of the season. Students must be completely registered by the Friday preceding the official MSHSL start date. Student-athletes will not be allowed to participate and/or try-out for a sport without being fully registered and cleared by the Chaska Athletics Office. A completed online registration must also include an updated Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Sports Qualifying Physical. The physical date on record is valid for two (2) years and must include a physician's signature. If a student needs an updated physical, the 2017-18 MSHSL Sports Qualifying Physical form is available on the registration homepage under "Resources". This form should be printed off and brought to your scheduled exam for the physician to complete. Once completed, this form should be brought to the Chaska High School Athletics Office so student account can be updated.

SPRING ATHLETICS PROGRAM OFFERINGS

SPORT	LEVELS	OFFICIAL START DATE	FEE
Baseball (9-12)	Varsity/JV/B-Squad/9 th Grade	Monday, March 12 th	\$235.00
Boys' Golf (7-12)	Varsity/JV	Monday, March 19 th	\$235.00
Girls' Golf (7-12)	Varsity/JV	Monday, March 19 th	\$235.00
Softball (8-12)	Varsity/JV/B-Squad/9 th Grade	Monday, March 12 th	\$235.00
Boys' Tennis (7-12)	Varsity/JV	Monday, March 26 th	\$235.00
Track & Field (9-12)	Varsity/JV	Monday, March 12 th	\$235.00
Boys' Lacrosse (8-12)	Varsity/JV	Monday, April 2 nd	\$235.00
Girls' Lacrosse (8-12)	Varsity/JV	Monday, April 2 nd	\$235.00
Adapted Softball (7-12)	Varsity (C.I.)	TBA	\$235.00
Weight Training (7-12)		TBA	\$ 50.00

Please note that Eastern Carver County Schools has an "individual cap" of \$500.00 and a "family cap" of \$900.00. Please note that weight training registration does not apply to either the individual or family cap.



Notes from Yearbook:

Less than 100 yearbooks are left to buy.

Visit jostensyearbooks.com or call toll-free 1-866-282-1516 to order the yearbook before we run out. Remember, we ran out two out of the last four years! Buy today. **Most likely, yearbooks will be distributed starting May 23, 2018.**

Notes from District 112:

Recognize an outstanding teacher in our district!

The District 112 Foundation *Excellence in Education Awards Program* (formerly Teacher of the Year) celebrates innovative teachers and educators in pursuit of the best possible public education for our students. Each year, we recognize these professionals by awarding them grants to support continued innovation in the classroom. Help recognize these special individuals by sharing your nomination by March 25 for this year's *Excellence in Education Award*. [Learn more HERE.](#)

#Stigma180 = mental health for all

[#Stigma180](#) is an initiative of Eastern Carver County Schools to reverse the stigma (“do a 180”) regarding mental health. Professional speakers and events are planned throughout this year. Here are some upcoming events:

#Stigma180: [Healthy Habits, Create Healthy Heads](#)

March 14 – 6-7:30 p.m., Chanhassen High School, Lecture Forum

Most people want to create at least one good habit, or give up a bad habit. Learn strategies that teachers and parents can readily implement within the classroom or at home to help children and adolescents create healthy habits that promote their social and emotional well being. Led by local therapist, Renee Carlson, MS, LPCC, RPT. Carlson, owner of Grander Living LLC, has over a decade of experience in the mental health field working with children, adolescents, adults and families. Led by Grander Living.

#Stigma180: [Leaving the Nest: Preparing Yourself and Your Child for Leaving Home](#)

April 4, 6-7:30 p.m. Chaska High School, Blue Forum

Preparing for your child to spread their wings and head off to college or move out of the house can be a time of mixed emotions—excitement, anxiety, hope and fear, all rolled into one. Join educators from myHealth to talk about issues pertinent to newly independent young people, such as sexuality, stress, sleep, safety, and drugs and alcohol. You can't go to college with them, but you can ensure they are prepared when they leave. Intended for parents with children in grades 8 and up. Presented by myHealth.

Notes from Chaska High School Booster Club:

Follow Us on Twitter @ChaskaBoosters and Instagram @ChaskaBoosters

HAWKS GEAR

Visit us on Instagram or the Boosters website to see the latest Hawks Gear available at the Hawks Shop.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WINTER 2018

Please use the Winter Concession sign up link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4baba72da31-20172018>

- Students can volunteer in concessions - earn money for their team! - as long as we have an equal adult/student ratio. ALL open/unfilled Concession spots 2 weeks before ALL concession dates are OPEN to ANYONE & ANY TEAM!
- All Concession Volunteers earn \$10 per hour - 100% goes to your Team/Activity of choice!
- It is fun, easy and great way to meet others in our Hawks Community!

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

Notes from Senior Party:

Class of 2018 Senior Party

The senior party is June 8th from 10pm – 4am at Chaska High School. Registration fee includes INCREDIBLE entertainment and games, HUGE inflatables and TONS of food! All seniors will leave with a generous gift.



Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/chaskaseniors2018>

Notes from Parent Leadership Council:

Meeting Information

The Parent Leadership Council consists of parents whose goal is to promote student learning and success at Chaska High School. We meet the first Wednesday of the month, from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in the Main Office Conference Room, with Principal Jim Bach and our School Board Representative Fred Berg. This is a great way to be involved and engaged in the leadership of Chaska High School!

PLC supports CHS teachers throughout the year with meals on conference nights and special events such as the Thanksgiving Extravaganza and Staff Appreciation Week. We also beautify the school grounds twice a year as well as support the Career Resource Center when needed.

Thank you to those parents that donated items for the teacher meals on conference nights. CHS Teachers were grateful to have a delicious meal! We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Everyone is welcome!

For more information contact: Tracy Leggett, tracyaleggett@comcast.net

Meeting schedule for 2017-18

March 7, 2018
April 4, 2018
May 2, 2018

Hawk Pride

Athena Award Winner Announced

Congratulations to Olivia Anderson who is Chaska High School's 2018 Athena Award winner. Athena Awards honor female high school students based on athletic excellence, academic performance and community service.



CHS Qualifies 3 Wrestlers for State

Congratulations to Grant Sussner, Sam Wolff, and Ethan Jackman for qualifying for the State Wrestling tournament. Grant and Sam both finished 2nd in the section individual wrestling tournament this past weekend with Ethan taking home the championship.

Swim and Dive Qualifies 5 for State

Congratulations to following students who qualified for the State Tournament in Boys' Swim & Dive: Josh Wuflestad, Luke Ridler, Josiah Dunker, Max Taylor, David Sinclair.

CHS Dancers Selected to All-State Team

Congratulations to Lauren Pulvermacher, Sophie Keeler, Hope Loosbrock and Brenna Cliff who were selected to the Minnesota Association of Dance Teams All-State Team.

StormHawk Gymnastics Captures Metro West Conference Championship

Congratulations to the team on their third championship in four years.

Two Students Win Scholarships at the Minnesota State Thespians Festival

Congratulations to Britta Cowen and Olivia Pedersen who each earned a superior rating and a scholarship at the Minnesota State Thespians Festival.

Dance Team Competes at State Tournament

Congratulations to the dance team who took 5th in Kick at the State AAA Tournament.



NHS Students Volunteer at Jonathan Elementary

Chaska National Honor Society members read to students from Jonathan Elementary students at a Read-a-thon and talked to them about the importance of reading.

Speech Team Continues Great Season

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the Eastview Tournament:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
Liam Jeffery	2nd	Poetry - Champion Division
Evelyn Chock	2nd	Humor - Open Division Honor Final
Jack McKinney	2nd	Info - Champion Division Honor Final
Ellie Bergum	3rd	Creative - Open Division
Kate Boerbon	3rd	Creative - Open Division Honor Final
Ava Jax	3rd	Original Oratory - Open Division Honor Final

Congratulations to the following students who placed at our home tournament:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
Madison Rosengren	1st	Honor Final Poetry
Connor Eaton	3rd	Honor Final Drama
Faith Peterson	3rd	Honor Final Poetry

Key Club Volunteers at Feed My Starving Children

Key Club recently volunteered packing meals at Feed My Starving Children.



Coaches Honored

Congratulations to Swim and Dive Coaches, Megan Hawker and Kim Dahlgren who were voted the Section 2AA Head and Assistant Coaches of the Year.



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