

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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CHS COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT IS NOW ONLINE!

Check out http://www.nfsd.k12.wa.us/Connell_HS/CHScounseling.htm for the Senior Newsletters, College and University links, Financial Aid Information, Testing Dates, Links to SAT, ACT, and FAFSA registrations, and MORE!! While you're there – find all your Senior Project Documents online too!

Transcripts

- Copies of transcripts can be requested from Mrs. Berry at the Counselor's Window. Please try to give 24 hour notice when making your request.

CHS Senior Information

- **Jostens will give seniors 2 opportunities to place their orders.** They will be here to meet with seniors and their parents about announcement orders and cap and gown orders on October 27 from 6:00-7:30pm during our College/Career & Financial Night in the Old Gymnasium. They will return to CHS on Friday, October 31, during lunch break. Please keep in mind that October 31 is a half-day, so make transportation arrangements if you need to. Orders will be collected on November 6 from 5:30 – 6:30pm in the Library and November 7th from 7:00 – 8:00am
- **After-Graduation Party:** Your graduation party plans are underway, so keep in mind that there is always a fee...we'll keep you posted..

On Track To Graduate?

- Are you wondering about your credits or graduation requirements!?! Talk to your counselor! Double check to make sure you're on track for graduation!

- NovaNet credit retrieval will not be available this year after school. If you need to make up credits, talk to your counselor about APEX. APEX offers internet-based courses that can be completed from home on-line anytime. You must have DSL (high-speed) internet service because it doesn't work with dial-up.

YearBook

- **Senior Pictures:** due October 29th. Please turn them in to Mrs. Hopkins. They should be color and a "head and shoulder" shot. You also need to submit a baby or toddler picture. Pictures can also be mailed to Mrs. Hopkins, P.O. Box 829, Connell, WA 99326 OR e-mailed to Mrs. Hopkins at LHopkins@NFSD.Org
- **Purchase Your Yearbook:** The time has arrived to begin purchasing your 2008-2009 annual! The cost is \$45 and you can make payment at the Counselor's Window. Cash, checks, or money orders will be accepted (Pay to the order of Connell High School).
- **Personalize Your Yearbook:** For only \$5.00 you can add an icon or a line of text. See Mrs. Hopkins for details.

SAT/ACT

- Pick up registration booklets and sample test book in the CHS office OR register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com. To register for the ACT, go to www.act.org
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| ACT | Test: December 13 | Registration Deadline: November 7 |
| | Test: February 7 | Registration Deadline: January 6 |
| SAT | Test: December 6 | Registration Deadline: November 5 |
| | Test: January 24 | Registration Deadline: December 26 |
| | Test: March 14 | Registration Deadline: February 10 |

5th Annual COLLEGE, CAREER, & FINANCIAL AID FAIR at CHS

Date: October 27, 2007 in CHS Old Gym

Fair: 6-7:30pm • Financial Aid Presentation: 6:15-6:45pm

Parents and students from 8th grade through 12th grade are invited to come meet representatives from universities, colleges, technical schools and the military. We expect about 20 representatives to help you with your plans after graduation. Also, Financial Aid experts will be available to answer any questions about financing your education. Remember, it's never too early or too late to check out career options and explore educational planning.

Financial Aid Websites

- FAFSA on the Web: www.fafsa.ed.gov/
- Scholarship Searches: www.fastweb.com
www.wiredscholar.com
www.brokescholar.com
www.meritaid.com
www.utsa.edu/scholarships/searchsch.cfm
- Student Loans: www.edfund.org
www.finaid.org
www.studentaid.ed.gov

Get Your PIN Now!

Students and parents can apply for their PIN (Personal Identification Number) now to make the FAFSA process smoother in January. Go to www.pin.ed.gov to apply. Applicant's name, Social Security number, and date of birth are required.

ScholarShip\$

***** Receive 1-5 Scholarship notices each week (FREE) --- www.WeeklyScholarshipAlert.org *****

- *October 24, 2008 – Voice of Democracy Competition.** 3-5 minute recording on “Service and Sacrifice by America’s Veterans Benefit Today’s Youth by...” Pick up an application & return to Mr. Lira.
- *October 30, 2008 – Horatio Alger Association Scholarship.** www.horatioalger.org/scholarships
- * October 31, 2008 - Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.** www.coca-colascholars.org
- * October 31, 2008 – Prudential Spirit of Community Award;** www.prudential.com/spirit
- * November 1, 2008 – Application acceptance begins Nov 1.**www.walmartstores.com/communitygiving/235.aspx
- *November 15, 2008 – Seattle University’s Sullivan Leadership Award Competition:** Finalists are eligible for \$11,000 – 18,500 scholarships. www.seattleu.edu/Sullivan
- *November 30, 2008 – Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers: (Several Scholarships)** Must be pursuing studies in Viticulture and/or Enology. Selection is based on academic merit, leadership abilities, & interest in the study of Viticulture and/or Enology. www.wawgg.org
- *December 15, 2008 – AXA Achievement Scholarship:** \$10,000 www.axa-achievement.com
- *January 1, 2009 – WA State Governor’s Scholarship.** See Mr. Lira for copy of application
- *No Deadline** (Awarded twice a year) – Alert Magazine \$500; write an essay on drug and/or alcohol abuse. www.alertmagazine.org
- *February 2, 2009 – Big Bend Electric Cooperative Scholarship Program** Candidates must be members of Big Bend Electric Cooperative at the time of application. Must be planning to enroll in an accredited educational or training institution. See your counselor for an application.
- *February 2, 2009 – BURGER KING® Scholars Program** Up to 700 \$1,000 scholarships to use toward tuition and books during the first year of college. Must be a high school senior and a U.S. resident that meets the criteria. Must have a 2.5 minimum GPA, work an average of 15 hours per week, & involved in community service activities. www.bk.com/scholars
- *February 28, 2009 – US Bank Internet Scholarship Program** Thirty \$1,000 scholarships available to students planning to attend a two- or four-year college full time in the Fall of 2008. Apply online at www.usbank.com/studentbanking.
- *March 1, 2009 – Washington apple Education Foundation:** One application is submitted but considered for several scholarships. www.waef.org