CHS NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2012

Top Ten Named

The faculty and administration of Oscar A. Carlson High School are proud to announce the Top Ten students in the graduating class of 2012, based on second term (March) cumulative grade point averages.

Valedictorians Evelyn Cramton, Hannah Howarth, Nishma Valikodath
Salutatorian Rebecca Cunningham
#5 Makayla Burke
#6 Anna Blakeslee
#7 Angela Bodinus
#8 Shannon Browning
#9 Travis Novak
#10 Stephanie Kosche

We commend and congratulate the talents and achievements of all our seniors. We wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

♫The Sun'll Come Out. . .

The CHS Drama Club is presenting the musical, *Annie* on May 3rd through May 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the CHS auditorium. Drama Director is Advisor Jeff Symons. Musical Director, David Brockington. The cost is $8 Adults; $6 Students and Seniors. Come see our talented students perform this musical classic.

Earth Day Efforts

Students, faculty, and administration are working together save our little corner of the Earth. Our Earth Day efforts this year freshened up our campus and continued the work for a student picnic area in the southside triangle outside the cafeteria. Thanks to the Gibraltar Rotary, CHS Student Council, the Marauder Galley, the InterAct Club, and Carlson Cares for their generosity and continued support. Besides beautifying our school grounds, our Earth Day activities move us closer to being a Green School. Way to show our Marauder Pride!

Important Upcoming Events

April 23 Earth Day Project
April 29 DL Top 10 Banquet 5:00 p.m. Crystal Gardens
May 3-5 CHS musical, *Annie* 7:00 p.m
May 10 Senior Honors Night/Fine Arts Reception 6:00 p.m.
May 12 Prom, Portofino's 6:00-11 p.m.
May 22 Seniors Last Full Day
May 23-25 Senior Exams
May 30 Senior Breakfast/ 8:00 a.m. Graduation Rehearsal
June 1 CHS Graduation 6:30 p.m.
June 6-8 Final Exams
June 8 Last Day for Students/Faculty

Doing Our Part

As a cost-saving measure, the entire Gibraltar school district is slowly becoming a paper-less organization. The *Board Quarterly* and your favorite *CHS Newsletter*, as well as other communiqués from district schools will be posted on-line. Please find us at: www.gibdist.net. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, call us at 734.379.7100.

CHS Good Decision Making

CHS will be hosting the 33rd District Court to School Program on May 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium. The Honorable Michael McNally will be presiding.

For further reinforcement, Students Against Destructive Decisions, in conjunction with the Gibraltar Police and Fire Departments will be conducting their mock crash on May 10th in the morning to remind students to have a safe Prom and Graduation season.

Curriculum Update 2012-2013

At their April meeting, the Board of Education approved the following recommendations by the CHS Faculty and Administration:

Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, as a condition of eligibility for graduation from Oscar A. Carlson High School, all juniors and/or eligible seniors **must** complete the entire battery of standardized assessments mandated by the State of Michigan. Currently, these examinations include the ACT plus Writing, the WorkKeys exam, and the Michigan Math, Science, and Social Studies tests now characterized as the Michigan Merit Exam. For special needs students, depending on their Individualized Education Plan, the MME with accommodations or the Mi-Access exams would be required.

New course offerings—French I, College and Career Writing and Research, Architecture, Analytical Chemistry, Food Science, Forensic Science. Offered at CHS through DCTC Digital/Multimedia Web Design, Business App I, II, and Business Management. Additionally, classroom sets of TI-84 Plus calculators will be purchased over two years using money from the general and discretionary funds.

CHS Musicians Excel

Five ensembles from Carlson High School performed at the MSBOA(Michigan Scholastic Band and Orchestra Association) State Solo and Ensemble Festival at Farmington Hills Harrison High School this past month. The participants were Flute Duet Elise Masland and Shannon Browning; Clarinet Quartet Shannon Browning, Alyssa Rexford, Melanie Konja, and April Urbanowski; Clarinet Quartet Brianna Rossi, Kyle McCue, Sara Engstrom, and Katie Herzog; Timpani Soloist Kyle Brunell; and Percussion Chamber Group Jaana Simmons, Kyle Brunell, Nick Maddox, Nick Matzkows, Austin Gilliam, Mary Kozmor, Hannah Badura, Matt Jett, Peter Lawrence, Anthony Jones, Mike Catalanotto, Caleb Laura, Cari Tigani, Karsten Szajner, Daryl Yap, Jake Harte, and Carly Boye. Combined the participants earned 2 -- 1st Division Ratings, and 2-- 2nd division ratings. Kyle Brunell earned a 98 out 100 possible points for his solo and is now one of 4 percussionists in the state nominated to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Orchestra.
Their performance will be held later this spring at WMU. Students must first earn a 1st division rating at the District 12 MSBOA festival held in January, before competing at the state level. Congratulations to Maestro David Brockington and our talented musicians!

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, and the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, it is the policy of the Gibraltar School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry, age, gender, marital status, disability, or limited English proficiency be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to, discrimination in any program, activity, service or employment to which it is responsible or for which it receives financial assistance from the United States Department of Education. For information, or to file a formal complaint, contact Superintendent Bruce Burger, 19370 Vreeland Road Woodhaven, MI 48173 (734) 692-4000.