



Tiger Pride Newsletter

March 2009

Message from Mr. Tarrence



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

March started with CSAP week and completing the School Perception Survey. March is a shorter month with third quarter ending on March 19 and then it's Spring Break.. The Cañon City High School Band leaves on Friday, March 20 to perform at Disneyland . The Cañon City baseball team will be playing at Coors Field in Denver, home of our Colorado Rockies. Soccer, Track and Tennis are in full swing. Support your Tiger teams!

CCHS staff presented a new Honors curriculum to the school board on Monday, March 9 that will possibly go in effect for all new freshman for the 2009-2010 school year. We are also looking at Advisor/Advisee program where each student would meet with a teacher everyday for 20 minutes and stay with that teacher all four years of high school. We feel this is a way to continue working on student/teacher relationships. The Post Prom committee will meet again on March 31st, at 7:00 p.m. in the CCHS library. They are still in need of parent volunteers.

As the weather gets warmer, I would like to remind parents and students of the dress code. I need to clear-up some dress code misunderstandings. We are seeing a number of low cut tops on girls. There is not a three-finger rule. All tops must cover the chest area without any cleavage showing. Also skirt lengths are to be right above the knee. If shorter, then tights or leggings need to be worn underneath. Gentlemen, we continue addressing sagging of jeans. The student handbook states all pants are to be worn on hips. We are asking Parents/Guardians to please look at your child's clothing and correct, if necessary, before they leave for school. You may feel the dress code is a low priority, but its not. Student dress reflects the school climate and serves as preparation for after the high school years — whether it's college or the work force.

Spring break is March 23 - 27, enjoy and have a safe spring break!



Cañon City High School Philosophy

The philosophy of Cañon City High School is to establish a meaningful learning environment for each student that will ensure the development of basic academic knowledge and skills that are necessary to participate effectively and contribute in today's world. The rules governing the operation of the school and governing student behavior reflect a basic respect of the rights of others' and the responsibility of each individual to take advantage of the privilege to attend school.

Main Office Hours

The Main Office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Voice mail capability exists for the majority of the CCHS staff members. To navigate the phone system quickly, the options you hear at the end of the initial message are: 1-Tiger Calendar, 2-Attendance, 3-Activities and Athletics, 4-Guidance, Counselors and Transcripts, and 5-High School Administration and all other calls. It is our intent to have all calls answered in person; but you may get a voice mail, please leave your name, phone number, and a brief message. You will receive a call back.

CCHS Mission Statement

Cañon City High School

People to People: Creating Excellence

"The Cañon City High School community of students and their parents, teachers, administrators, and building support staff will foster meaningful relationships that will foster everyone's ability to strive for excellence"

Task Force Work Days

The last two Task Force Workdays for this school year will be held on April 15 and May 6. The CCHS building will be closed until breakfast is served in Commons at 9:10 a.m. First Block will begin at 9:35 a.m. Remember, late starts:

April 15 and May 6

NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

The Guidance Department at Cañon City High School uses newsletters like this throughout the year to communicate programs and information to parents and guardians. We encourage you to use this information to guide your teen in taking advantage of the many programs and services available to him/her. The CCHS guidance department is comprised of four counselors to serve a student body of approximately 1200 students.

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High school is a time of great change in a young person's life. While we certainly don't claim to have all the answers, we do have the advantage of having known and observed hundreds of teenagers through the years as they transition from their freshman year to graduation. Please contact us if you have any questions or feel we could be of any help to you or your student. The high school number is 276-5870 or you can e-mail each counselor directly at the address above.

2009/2010 School Year**Course Registration**

During February, March and April counselors will be meeting with each student to discuss and make course request for the 09/10 school year. Look for more information to be available soon. If you have any questions or concerns, call the counseling office.

STATE JUNIOR ACT TESTING**APRIL 22, 2009**

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING FOR 2008-2009

Students who are planning on attending college are encouraged to take the ACT and/or SAT on several occasions throughout their Junior and Senior years. Registration packets are available in the Guidance Office; however, students are encouraged to register online at the addresses listed below. Practice tests are also available online.

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009	March 13, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009	May 22, 2009

ACT online registration: www.collegeboard.org

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
March 14, 2009	February 10, 2009	February 24, 2009

SAT online registration: www.collegeboard.org

Getting Ready for College

The Junior year is a time for students to seriously begin to consider his/her Post-secondary options. It is also the year to take college entrance exams, make college visits, and to start searching for scholarships.



January

- Attend CCHS Financial Aid Night. This night will be geared toward Seniors and their parents, but Juniors may find much of the information beneficial to the college planning process.

February, March, April & May

- Select challenging and appropriate classes for your Senior year.
- Develop a preliminary list of 5 to 20 colleges that are of interest and send for/request information.
- Begin thinking of teachers you will ask to write a letter of recommendation for you.
- Review your transcript with your counselor to determine how competitive your range of choices should be.
- Continue college and scholarship research.
- Set up a filing system to organize college information.
- Take the state-given ACT test.
- Develop and/or update your resume' including a list of activities, awards, volunteer experiences, etc....

- Structure summer plans to include college visits. Call admissions offices to make appointments.

Summer

- Start visiting college campuses.
- Pursue volunteer opportunities.
- Consider and arrange for job-shadowing experiences in various fields that interest you.



The CCHS Guidance staff is very excited about the web-based scholarship and post-high school planning program Prep Head Quarters (Prep HQ) will allow students and parents access to scholarship information, college searches, and career planning tools along with many more post-secondary planning resources. All Scholarships announced by the Guidance Office will be posted in Prep HQ as well as in the Guidance office. For more information on Prep HQ please contact the guidance office at (719) 276-5882.

College & Scholarship Planning Calendar "Senior Year"

January:

- ✓ Attend the CCHS Financial Aid Night on January 26th at 6:30 pm in the auditorium.
- ✓ Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form online at www.fafsa.com (recommended) or pick up an application in the Counseling office. (quantities limited)

February:

- ✓ Send in or submit your FAFSA if you haven't already done so.
- ✓ Request that first semester grades are sent to any college that requires them.

March:

- ✓ Be sure you have received a FAFSA acknowledgement.
- ✓ Register to take any Advanced Placement (AP) test if you are taking any AP classes.
- ✓ Attend local scholarship informational meeting. Listen to announcements for dates.
- ✓ Look for entrance notification letters in the mail.

April:

- ✓ Review acceptance and financial aid offers you receive.
- ✓ Notify the college you plan to attend of your acceptance. Housing deposits are often due on May 1st.
- ✓ Notify colleges you have chosen not to attend of your decision.
- ✓ Make a final decision on a school, sign your letter of intent, and make your tuition deposit. Request that your final transcript be sent to your chosen school.

May:

- ✓ Learn of local scholarships you will receive.
- ✓ Verify exact cost information from your chosen school and be prepared to send deposits for housing.
- ✓ Attend the Senior Honors Night (Scholarship/Awards).
- ✓ Attend the various Senior activities the week before graduation.
- ✓ GRADUATE! Congratulations.

Scholarship Search Tips:

- ⇒ Apply only if you are eligible!!! - There are thousand of scholarships available, but many have very specific eligibility criteria.
- ⇒ Never pay money to apply for a scholarship!!! - It's probably a scam.
- ⇒ Make sure your essay makes an impression. Neatness counts!!
- ⇒ Make copies before sending, sometimes they do get lost.
- ⇒ Watch out for deadlines, often times they can be only a few weeks after they are posted.
- ⇒ Remember: most financial assistance is not through scholarships. Pursue all financial aid opportunities.
- ⇒ Be patient
- ⇒ START EARLY!!!

Recommended Scholarship search and Financial Aid Internet sites:

www.fastweb.com	www.collegeboard.com	www.asapubt.com/collegeplanning
www.srnexpress.com	www.finaid.org	
www.students.gov	www.irs.gov	
www.fafsa.ed.gov	www.ed.gov/finaid.html	
www.studentaid.ed.gov	www.collegesavings.org	
www.scholarship.com	www.gmsp.org	
www.rhodesscholar.org	www.collegefund.org	

ACT/SAT Preparatory resources

www.petersons.com

www.collegeincolorado.org

www.act.org

www.princetonreview.com

Recommended 'College Search/Information' Internet sites:

www.anycollege.net

www.collegeincolorado.net

www.petersons.com

www.collegenet.com

www.collegeview.com

www.princetonreview.com/college

www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool

LEARNING FOR LIFE CAÑON CITY SCHOOLS FREMONT RE-1

Introducing...

PARENT PORTAL

Just a click away...

Parents Can access their child's:

- Schedules
- Grades/Assignments
- Attendance
- Web sites
- District/School Announcements
- Calendars
- Contact Preferences

FROM THEIR COMPUTER!

Sign up today at the front office!

Identification is REQUIRED to obtain an activation key!

Supporting Our Students in Reaching Their Full Potential by Connecting the School Community to Easily Accessible Information

Parent's if you want to keep your students on track come to the CCHS office and sign up for the Parent Portal. You can track grades, assignments and attendance. Please be sure to bring your I.D. and see Mrs. Trujillo in the front office.





Free Advocacy Workshop

Join other parents and educators.

Get answers to these questions and more:

- How can I be an effective advocate for my child?
- How can I prepare for school meetings?
- How can I make sure my child's needs are met?

Please visit PEAK Parent Center's website for additional information:
www.peakparent.org/workshops/Trainings.asp
 611 North Weber Street, Ste 200
 Colorado Springs, CO 80903
 719.531.9400 or
 800.284.0251

Co-Sponsors

- *Cañon City Schools
- *Pueblo County School District 70
- *Pueblo School District 60

Topic: Advocacy 101

Date: Wednesday, April 15th, 2009

Time: 5:30 p.m. –6:00 p.m. – Free dinner and time to network/chat.
 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Workshop

Place: Penrose Elementary School
 100 Illinois Street
 Penrose, Colorado 81240

Also: 2.5 Contact Hour certificate.
 Childcare available. Sign language interpretation may be available – Contact PEAK Parent Center to request by April 10, 2009 at 719.531.9400.
 Everyone in the Southeast Region is welcome!



To sign up, reserve childcare or translation/interpretation call PEAK Parent Center at 719.531.9400 or 800.284.0251 by April 10th, 2009



IEP TRAINING FOR TRAINING

(Special Education Individual Education Program)

When: Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Presenters: Peak to Peak Parent Group

Location: Pueblo West Elementary

386 Hahn's Peak

Pueblo West, CO. 81007

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Light Dinner will be served.

RSVP BY 3/27/09

Phone: (877) 472-7201

Online: www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/IEPmain.asp

**With the number of attendees and if needing child care,
Spanish Translation, or Interpreter for the Deaf & Hearing Impaired**

Sponsoring School Districts:

Cañon City Schools, Pueblo City Schools

and Pueblo County School District 70

*Cañon City High School
Presents Prom 2009
Above the City Lights*



Location: Harrison School

April 25, 2009

Couples - \$57.00 - Singles - \$33.00

Music request may be made at the Activities office

*Students not attending Cañon City High School must sign up
in the office at least one week prior to prom.*

Formal Attire required

The Grand March will begin at 10:00 p.m.

Royalty will be crowned at 10:20 p.m.

Parents may come take pictures between 10:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Photography by Fancy That, Gwen Bradbury

Music by S & R Audio, Shawn Milam

After Prom Party Sponsored by CCHS Parents

to be held at CCHS 12:30 - 5:00 a.m.

March Student's of the Month



Mr. Tarrence and the Staff at Cañon City High School would like to congratulate the following students for being chosen as "March Student's of the Month" : 12th grade Melissa Angell, Katherine Gherna, Justin Hayden, Azirae Leonard and Kacy Ulam, . 11th grade: Michael Katalenic, Tamara Lankford and Joshua Phillips. 10th grade: Alyssa Braden, Nicholas Grooms, Emily Mann, Sara McGinnis, Jessica Montelongo and Lindsay Versaw. 9th grade: Stephen Hamrick, Cody Seng, Alexander Staples, and Nonnie Woodruff. Not pictures are Tyrel Matthews, Sheridan Cooper and Roxen Apple-Lemieux.

CCHS Tiger Theatre & Vocal Music Department
Present:

Rodgers &
Hammerstein's
Cinderella



Book and Lyrics by
Oscar Hammerstein II

Music by
Richard Rogers

Adapted for the Stage by
Tom Briggs

Matinee Fundraiser: Wednesday, April 8th @ 4:00 pm

Tickets \$5.00 No Passes

Friday, April 10th, Saturday, April 11th, and Saturday, April 18th @ 7:00 pm

Tickets \$5.00 for Adults \$4.00 for Students and Senior Citizens

Matinee Fundraiser: Sunday, April 19th @ 2:00 pm

Tickets \$5.00 No Passes

At the
CCHS Del Pizzo Performing Arts Center

Produced in Cooperation with
R&H Theatricals