



CHS Parent Newsletter Spring Break Edition

Dear Parents and CHS Supporters:

Spring Break is Finally Here

The week leading up to spring break is always an eventful one – 2,200 eager staff and students create a lot of energy on a campus! This year, it was also successful. Our Choir put together an amazing Spring Concert on Tuesday and yesterday hit the road for a four-night music tour in Boise, Idaho. It was also a good week for the sports team from the east side of the 98607 zip code. The CHS Baseball, Softball, and Girls Golf Teams all defeated Union. In the process, one streak was extended and one streak ended: Baseball extended their win streak to 7 games and our golfers snapped the Titan's 44-league match win streak! Boys and Girls Track, Girls Tennis, and Boys Soccer also picked up victories this week. Finally, our Leadership students organized an awesome "Fun First Friday" lunch event that consisted of activities ranging from frisbee to Pickleball.

2015-16: Papermakers Keep Rolling Along

This is the eighth year I have borrowed the final refrain of the fight song – "Papermakers go rolling along!" – to serve as the theme for the March parent newsletter. As in years' past, I have collected some achievements dating back to the first day of school, as well as some school news and Papermaker trivia, to paint a picture of what has happened from September 7 to April 1. But I am not fooling you...this roll call is accurate!

While there has been a lot of change over the past eight years – students, staff, building size, classification, instructional technology... – it is remarkable that our success has remained constant. Under the guidance of our parents, teachers, coaches, and advisors, our Papermakers have continued to equal the accomplishments of the previous years and, in a few instances, even leapfrogged them. This "by the numbers" list comes with its usual disclaimers:

1. Although it is lo-o-ong, it is still incomplete. There is a lot of talent walking the halls of CHS, which makes it impossible to capture all of our students' accomplishments and personal bests.
2. 2nd Semester and the 2016 spring sports season are far from over. So, undoubtedly, there are more great stories to be told.
3. This may look like a brag sheet. But I prefer to look at it as a review of what. Although numbers sometimes lie, these figures say a lot about our emphasis on academics, character, and a positive and active school culture.

I hope you have set aside a couple of minutes...Here we go:

CHS By the Numbers 2015-16

#1

Girls Cross Country – 1st in League, 1st in District and 1st in State (their 4th in the last 5 years!)

Boys Cross Country – 1st in League, 1st in District

Football – 1st in League

Consecutive league wins by the CHS Football Team: **33**

Gymnastics – 1st in League and 1st in District

Girls Soccer – 1st League and 1st in District

Number of times the girls have qualified for state since the program started in 1985: **16**

Girls Slow Pitch Softball – 1st in League

Boys Swimming – 1st in League, 1st in District

Number of consecutive District Swim Titles: **5**

Wrestling – 1st in District

Years since last Papermaker Wrestling District Title: **22**

Number of wrestlers on our inaugural Girls Wrestling Team: **10**

Science Olympiad - 1st at the Regional Science Olympiad Tournament (their 9th straight title).

Our Sci Oly students will pursue their 6th straight state championship on April 15-16.

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GSHL 4A Coaches of the Year: Laurie Porter (Cross Country) & Scott Preuninger (Girls Basketball)

Number of Boys Swimming State Titles won by Mark Kim – 200 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle

Number of CHS students published in national science journals: Anna Roche & Jason Kim

Fantastic productions by the cast/crew of The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 & Brigadoon

Number of Unified Sports* offered by CHS (Soccer and Basketball)

* Unified Sports is an inclusive sports program that unites Special Olympic students and peer partners in athletic competitions.

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Knowledge Bowl – 3rd in State

Rylan Thompson (126 lbs.) and Dylan Ingram (220 lbs.) – 3rd in State Wrestling

6

Consecutive years the FIRST Robotics Team has qualified for International Robotics Competition in St. Louis, Missouri

7

Dance Team – 7th in State (Hip Hop) & 10th in State (Dance)

Number of GSHL 4A All-League Players of the Year in Fall & Winter sports:

Liam Fitzgerald & Michael Matthews – Football

Rachel Blair & Yacine Guermali – Cross Country

Mason Minder – Girls Soccer

Mark Kim – Boys Swimming

Caleigh Lofstead – Gymnastics

10

Average combined number of miles walked per day by Connie Gazow and Paul Nicholson, our Computer Support Technicians (They wear pedometers ☺)

Mock Trial – 10th in State

15

National Board Certified Teachers teaching at CHS

18-19, 23-27, and 31-3

Dates – this May – on which students will be taking the SBA English/Language Arts, Math, and Biology Assessments (I had to slip these in here to make sure they get on your family calendar.)

English (10th Graders): May 18-19

Math (All 10-12th Graders in Alg. 2 or higher): May 23-27

Biology: May 31-June 3

49

Student clubs on our campus

53

Students who have participated in our CHS After-School Program (CAP), which offers credit recovery opportunities during “Periods 7 & 8” as well as transportation home

Number of credits recovered so far: **27**

66%

Percentage of CHS students who have taken the steps necessary to redeem their College Bound Scholarships, which are state-sponsored scholarships for low-income graduating seniors

Percentage of students in our state who have done the same: **36**

76

Students who qualified for State DECA Competition

Total number of students from the five other GSHL 4A high schools who qualified for State DECA: **69**

Number of DECA students who qualified for the 2016 International Conference in Nashville, TN: **25**

Number of Top 10 finishes at "Internationals": **3**
(Including our school's first-ever #1 finish: Cameron Vega-1st Place Automotive Services)

83

Number of Papermaker 1st or 2nd Team GSHL 4A All-League fall and winter athletes

124

Students recognized at our 1st Semester Academic Awards Night

125

Pre Calculus students who earned 10 college credits through our first-year Central Washington University Cornerstone (College in the Classroom) program

Additional CWU Cornerstone courses offered in 2016-17: **5** (American Military History, English 101 [English 11], Ceramics 1 & 2, Environmental Science, and Bodyworks)

CWU Cornerstone price per credit: **\$55**

Avg. price per credit (on-site) for all in-state universities: **\$325**

128

Combined years in the classroom by our retiring teachers Sue Danielson, Nita Farrell, Hannelore Tweed, and Jan Younce

161

Pints of blood donated at our National Honor Society fall and winter blood drives

197

Number of CHS certificated and classified employees (part-time and full-time) who serve CHS students on our campus every day

854

Thanks to our tech levy, the number of Google Chrome Books ^ that are currently on our campus

^ These are inexpensive, but capable, laptops that 1. Free up our computer labs and 2. Enable our students to perform online research and word processing in class as well as take the online Smarter Balanced Assessments.

Projected number of Chrome Books on our campus next Fall, when every incoming Freshman will receive a Chrome Book as part of the CSD's "One to World" initiative: **1,373**

Number of Chrome Books on our campus in 2012-13: **32**

929

Number of students named to the 1st Semester Honor Roll, 3.5 and above

Students who maintained a perfect 4.0: **210**

1,143

Number of Advanced Placement Tests projected to be taken this May

Number of Advanced Placement Tests taken in 2003: **99**

Students taking one or more AP classes: **698**, up from 598 last year

Number of AP National Scholars** in Spring 2015: **14**

** To earn National AP Scholar status, students must average a score of at least "4" on all Advanced Placement Exams taken and score 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

Number of 2015 AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Honors, and AP Scholars with Distinction, who at a minimum, have earned scores of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP Exams: **209**

4,303

As of today, the number of novels checked out by our students from our Library

Number of complimentary 1,000-piece Library puzzles completed by our students so far: **15**

4,418

Visits to our Health Room and School Nurse so far this year

\$33,557

Dollars raised for breast cancer research by Hoops 4 Pink Night auctions since 2009

And this brings us back to

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Your student.

We are committed to preparing each student for the unlimited possibilities of the future. We encourage you to encourage your student(s) to make the most of their CHS experience by challenging themselves academically and seeking assistance during after-school conference period, getting involved in at least one school activity or sport, and taking the time to prepare for their 13th Year by checking in with our counselors.

And one more number...

46

Number of days left in this school year (Yikes!)

Parents, I have already informed students of the following -

Days of vacation on Spring Break if their grades meet your expectations: **9**

Days of vacation if they do not: < 9

I wish everyone a restful and safe Spring Break –

Sincerely,

Steve Marshall
Principal
Camas High School