



CHS Parent Newsletter

Spring Break Edition

Dear Parents and CHS Supporters:

2016-17: Papermakers are Still Rolling Along

This is the ninth, and final, year that I will attempt to quantify the refrain of the CHS Fight Song (“Papermakers go rolling along!”) as the centerpiece for the March parent newsletter. As in years’ past, I have collected some achievements dating back to the first day of school and combined them with some school news and Papermaker trivia to paint a picture of what has happened from September 6 through March 31. While April 1 is tomorrow, I am not fooling you with what you are about to read! While some of these figures seem incredible, I assure you that this this “roll” call is accurate. This CNN (Camas News Network) does not report alternative facts.

When I started as Principal there were 1,520 students enrolled at CHS. Now there are over 2,180. There have been a lot of changes over the past nine years: New students, new staff, new clubs, new sports offerings...remodeling and additions ... a move from 3A to the 4A classification ... and a lot of new instructional technology. But our student involvement, leadership, and success have remained constant. For that, I credit the guidance of our parents, teachers, coaches, and advisors, and the unfailing support of our community.

While this “by the numbers” list is a tradition, it is not controversy-free. To some readers, this column emphasizes accomplishments over students as well as some achievements over other achievements. So it comes with the following disclaimers:

1. Although it is LONG, it is admittedly incomplete. There are thousands of uniquely talented students walking the halls of CHS, which makes it impossible to capture all of their accomplishments and personal bests. Also, I am only a one-man research team. I can’t possibly cover it all! Nor could you read it all!
2. 2nd Semester and the 2017 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 it is meant to be a different way of recapturing and retelling what we have done so far this year. It has been famously said, “*Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts.*” So, although numbers do not tell the whole story and -yes - numbers can sometimes misrepresent reality, I think these figures add up to say a lot about our school’s emphasis on academics, character, and a positive and active school culture.

This year, to add a little variety and perspective, I will sprinkle in some nine-year totals or reference points from 2008 here and there. So, I hope you review this list with a grain of salt and enjoy this numerical retrospective on the school year.

Ready?

Let’s start with Zero and, as Casey Kasem used to say, we won’t stop until we reach the top. (Although there are some young parents among us, I think most of you will understand that reference to the days of AM Radio.)

2016-17 By the Numbers

0

This is a Zero you want to see...

The Clark County Public Health Inspector’s score of the CHS Kitchen

#1

Girls Cross Country - 1st in League, 1st in District and 2nd in State

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

Dance Team - 1st in District (Hip Hop and Dance)

Football - 1st in League and 1st in State

40: League wins by the CHS Football Team since 2008

Girls Soccer - 1st League, 1st in District, and 1st in State

Goals scored: **84** Goals scored against: **2**

Girls Slow Pitch Softball - 1st in League and 1st in District

Girls Swimming - 1st in League

Volleyball - 1st in League

Gymnastics - 1st in League, 1st in District and 2nd in State

Girls Basketball - 1st in League and 1st Trip to the Tacoma Dome in school history

Boys Swimming - 1st in League, 1st in District, and 1st in State

18: Number of school records broken this season

Mock Trial - 1st in District - 8 years in a row!

Science Olympiad - 1st at the Regional Science Olympiad Tournament (their 10th straight!)

State finishes since 2008: Three 3^{rds} One 2nd and Five 1^{sts}

Number of high schools in Washington's 4A classification: **65**

Gatorade Athlete of the Year (Jack Colletto)

Number of Papermaker GAOTYs since 2008: **5**

Since 2008: 60 League Titles, 58 District Titles, and 8 Team State Titles - Wow!

2

Fantastic productions by the casts/crews of Twelfth Night & Cinderella

Approximate number of tickets sold to Cinderella: **3,600**

Number of Unified Sports* squads at CHS (Soccer and Basketball)

Number of squads per sport: **3** - the maximum

* Unified Sports is an inclusive sports program that unites Special Olympic students and their General Education peers in athletic competitions.

Entrances to CHS in the Fall of 2017. Believe it! We will have a North Entrance to alleviate the pressure on our existing South Entrance.

4

Knowledge Bowl - 4th in State

8 Previous "Top 10" State Finishes 2009-16: #10, #1 (2010-13), #2, #6, and #3

5

Individual State Titles won by CHS scholar-athletes so far this year:

Yacine Guermali (Boys Cross Country), Dylan Ingram (Wrestling - 220 lbs.), Tom Utas (50 m Freestyle), Mark Kim (200 m & 500 m Freestyle), and the 200 m Freestyle Relay Team of Mark Kim, Eric Wu, Jaden Kim, and Tom Utas.

7

Students who placed in 6 solo categories at the 2017 SW Washington Regional Solo Ensemble Competition. (CHS was the only school in the region that was represented in all 6 categories.) Way to go:

Morgan Dunn (soprano), Hannah Upkes (mezzo), Janessa Wilson (alto), Isaac Dizon & Joshua Rule tenor, Darin JeanBlanc (Bartone), and Bryant Wilson (Bass) ...and, of course, Mr. Chessin!

GSHL 4A Coaches of the Year:

Jonathan Burton (Boys Tennis), Jon Eagle (Football), Laurie Porter (Girls Cross Country), Michelle Allen (Volleyball), Carol Willson (Gymnastics), Scott Preuninger (Girls Basketball), Mike Bemis (Boys Swimming). Mike Bemis was also named State Boys Swimming Coach of the Year and Roland Minder (Girls Soccer) was selected as the NSCAA Girls Soccer Coach of the Year.

Coaches of the Year since 2008: 51

8

Number of on-site custodial and maintenance personnel who keep our school looking its best.

10

Number of snow days this year. But you already knew that! Barring a surprise snow storm or flood, our final day of school is Monday, June 26.

11

Number of CHS students awarded the Presidential Fitness Award 1st Semester

(To qualify for this award, students must score at or above the 85th percentile nationally on all five fitness tests: Sit ups, Shuttle Run, Sit-and-Reach, 1 mile run, and Pull ups. To give you an idea of one standard - the qualifying mark for sit ups for a male student is 57 sit ups in one minute!

16

National Board Certified Teachers teaching at CHS

17-21, 22-26, and 30-1

No. This is not some kind of locker combination.

These are the dates on which students will be taking the SBA English/Language Arts, Math, and Biology Assessments in their regular classrooms this April (I had to slip these in here to make sure they get on your family calendar.)

Smarter Balanced ELA (10th & 11th Grade retakes): April **17-21**

Math (All 10-12th Graders in Alg. 2 or higher): May **22-26**

Biology EOC: May **30**-June **1**

53

Student clubs on our campus

65

Students who have participated so far this year 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: **31**

66

Number of years Counselor Donna Cooper has worked at CHS. This is not a misprint! But that *is* an incredible career.

78%

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: **39**

87

Students who qualified for State DECA Competition. I won’t get into comparisons with other schools, but that is A LOT.

Number of DECA students who qualified for the 20167 International Conference in Anaheim, CA: **25**

95

Number of unique cheers performed at a typical CHS football game!

100

CHS fundraising cards and coupon books I have purchased since 2008. OK, I am not sure of the exact number. It just seems like that many. To all of you who feel the same way: Thank you for your support.

110

CHS Teachers in 2016-17

CHS teachers in 2008-09: **85**

New teachers hired this year: **15**

Number of current teachers hired since 2008: **72**

152

Total number of band students and chaperones traveling to Disneyland this Spring Break.

Number of performances at a Disneyland and Disneyworld in the Mancini-era: **7**

161

Students who will be earning **585** college credits in English 101 & 102 [English 11], and PEF 110/HED 101 [Bodyworks] and American Military History 314 [History of War]

through our Central Washington University Cornerstone (College in the Classroom) program this year.

Number of additional CWU Cornerstone courses that will be offered in 2017-18: 4 (English 105 [English 12], Environmental Science, and Physics, and Economics.)

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

Cost per credit (on-site) at Central Washington University: **\$537**

164

Students recognized at our 1st Semester Academic Awards Night

Total number of students who received an academic award from 2009 to 2016: **1,437**

187

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

195

Combined turnout for our Boys and Girls Track Teams this spring

216

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

509

Number of graduating seniors in the Class of 2017

Number of graduates in 2009: **319**

Total number of CHS graduates 2009-2017: **3,637**

700+

Number of CHS students involved in a Fall Sport this year

853

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

Students who maintained a perfect 4.0: **118**

1,249

Number of Advanced Placement Tests projected to be taken this May

Number of different tests: **20**

Total number of Advanced Placement Tests taken since 2008: **8,023**

1,373

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

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

Potential number in 2017-18 if every student is issued their own Chrome Book :
2,250

1,627

Pounds of plastic bags collected by our Green Team for the 2017 TREX Challenge (nearly 900 lbs. more than last year). If you have some plastic bags, drop 'em by our Main Office.

1,940

Total number of community service hours performed by our Leadership and National Honor Society students so far this year.

\$2,597

Dollars raised for breast cancer research at this year's Hoops 4 Pink Night

Total amount raised by Hoops 4 Pink Night auctions since 2009: **\$36,154**

4,158

Work hours spent by the 11 mentors and 44 students on our FIRST Robotics Team to build the robot Carbon³ during this year's 6-week build season.

4,245

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

Number of student concussions tracked and treated by our Nurse and Athletic Trainer: **26**

8,000+

Number of textbooks handed out to students in the first 3 days of school.

4,303: As of today, the number of books checked out by our students from our Library. The hottest genre? Dystopian literature.

29,360

Pounds of high-protein canned food donated by CSD families to this year's Stuff the Bus Food Drive

Pounds of canned food raised since the Stuff the Bus canned food drive started in 2008: **369,170**

Again, these numbers may seem impersonal. But, trust me, they are not. They represent a lot of hard work by of our staff and students - and I cannot forget, by our families as well. Speaking of students, it is important that I finish with

#1

Your student. It is important that you know that, even as we grow, our staff tries very hard not to get lost in the numbers and overlook each individual student. Each one of our 2,180 students matters and we know that each has made a unique contribution to the 115 “great days to be a Papermaker” we have had so far this year.

And - sorry, mathphobes - I am going to close with two more numbers

55: Number of days left in this school year (Yikes! There’s a lot left to do, but not much time.)

9: Consecutive days of vacation on Spring Break (Yeah! See y’all on April 10.)

I hope you and your student(s) enjoy every one of them -

Sincerely,

Steve Marshall
Principal
CHS