

A Newsletter from

Guidance and School Counseling Department

Course Registration for 2010-2011 to Begin in January

Offerings include Career & Technical Education

Students will begin selecting their courses for next year when we return from the holiday break. Freshmen and sophomores will receive the *Program of Studies* booklet and their course scheduling sheets in advisory, and will meet with their counselor the following week. Juniors will receive their scheduling materials the week after exams. Parents are asked to review and discuss the course selections and sign the course selection sheets.

Semester Exams Scheduled for January 19-22, 2010

Semester exams – and final exams for many elective classes – will begin on Tuesday, January 19, the day after the Martin Luther King holiday. Students will have two exams per day, and only one on one day. A detailed exam schedule will be sent home in January.

Exams are an important part of a student's work at CHS. The exam counts for 20 percent of the semester grade and the exam grade is listed on the report card. Students should pay special attention to the exam reviews that the teachers provide. Students who need additional assistance must contact the teacher to ascertain what measures need to be taken.

Students to Present Capstone Projects

12:30 pm Early Dismissal on January 13

Seniors and juniors who have completed the Capstone work will be able to present their Capstone Projects for judging on January 13. **Students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm.** Students who feel they are ready should make an appointment with their PBGR Coordinator soon.

Capstone Still Not Finished?

Another Capstone Ramp-up will begin after school on January 25. The help sessions meet every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for three weeks. Sign ups are in the Main Office.

PSAT Score Reports Returned

An evening workshop to return the PSAT score reports was attended by close to 60 parents and students. Sophomores and juniors who did not attend the workshop received their PSAT score results in Advisory period this week. Students receive an access code and are urged to visit the College Board Web site, *My College Quick Start*, a free personalized college and career planning kit based on test results.

For more information for parents on the PSAT test and results, please visit the Coventry High School site at www.coventryschools.net, click on Guidance, and follow the link to PSAT.

Financial Aid Workshop to Help with Paying for College on Jan 13

College Application Process Mini-Workshop Also!

On January 13, the Guidance Office, in partnership with the College Planning Center, is offering a Financial Aid workshop to help parents and students understand and the costs associated with college, and how to get help! We will also discuss the FAFSA (Free Application for Financial Student Assistance).

At **6:10 pm**, the Guidance staff will review all the components of the college application process. The Financial Aid workshop will begin at 6:30 pm. Both workshops are in the library.

Upcoming Dates

- Dec 23 – Jan 3** No School – Holiday Recess
- Jan 13** Capstone Exhibitions – early release day
- Jan 13** Financial Aid Workshop & College Application Workshop (see above)
- Jan 18** Dr. Martin L. King Day – No School
- Jan 19 – 22** Mid-term exams (semester finals)
- Jan 22** Winter Ball
- Jan 25** Capstone Ramp-up begins



The faculty and staff of Coventry High School wish all of you a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

